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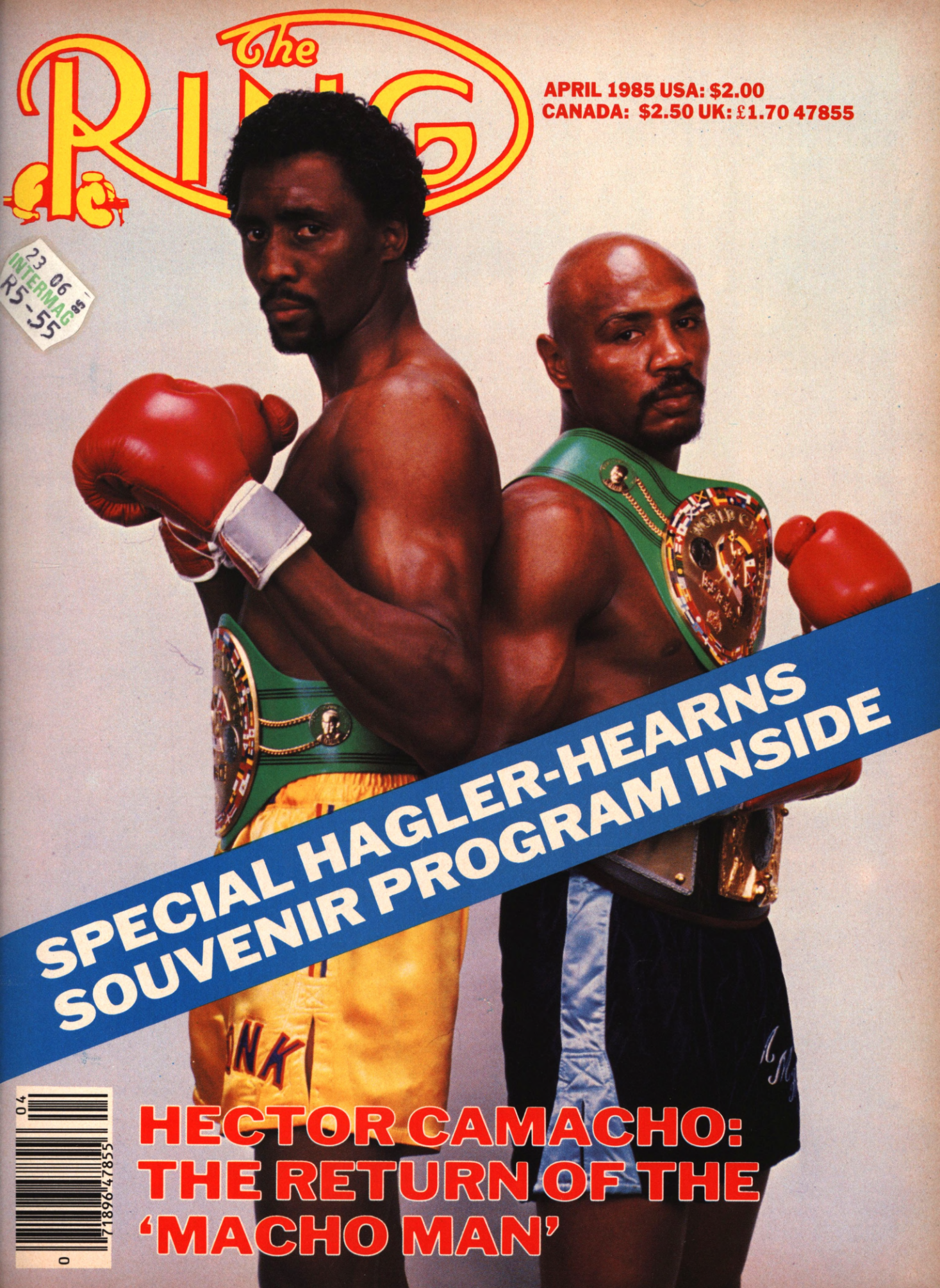

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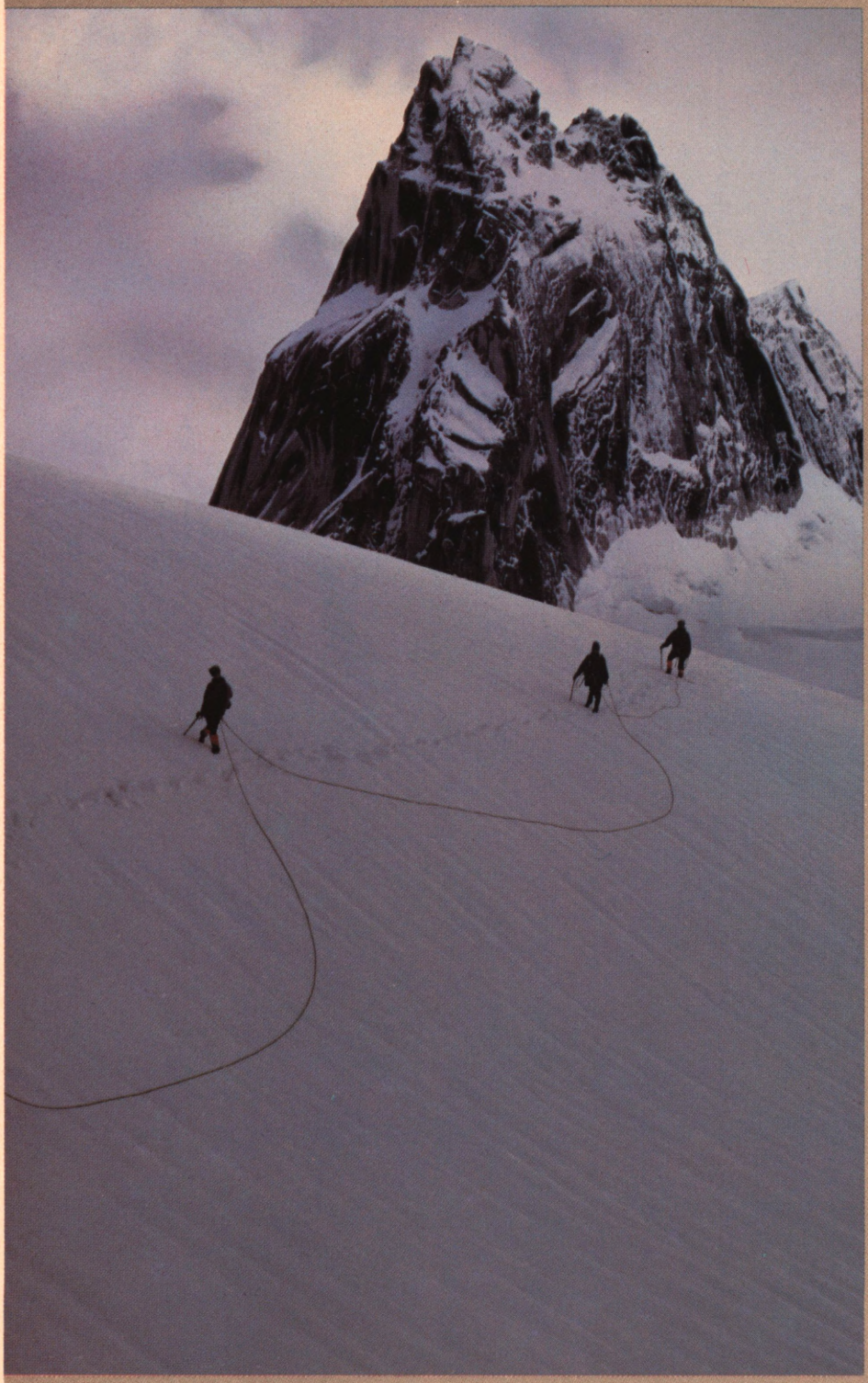

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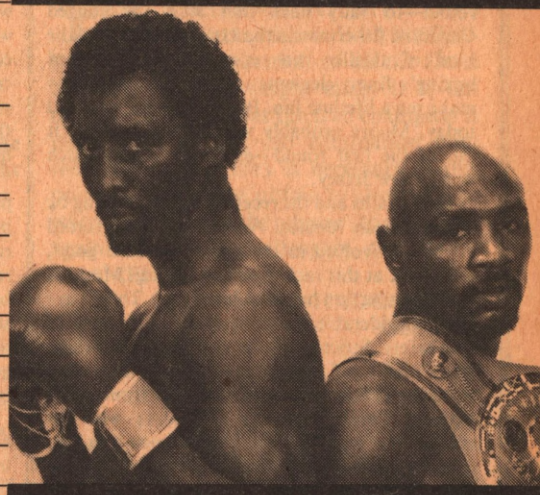

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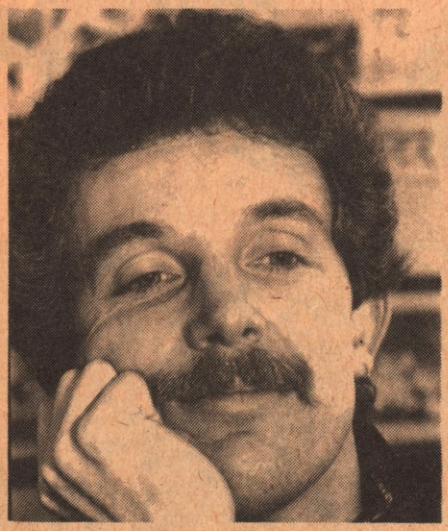

ONE OF THE FIRST FIGHTS I REMEMBER watching on television was the Archie Moore-Yvon Durelle light heavyweight championship in Montreal, December 10, 1958. The fight was a classic. "Ancient Archie" recovered from no less than four knockdowns—three in the first round—to rally back and stop the rugged Canadian fisherman in the 11th round. It was the kind of thriller that encompassed many of boxing's finest elements, and it was enough to make me a lifetime fan. But if the fight was held today, Moore probably wouldn't have made it out of the first round—especially if the match was in New Jersey.

Ring deaths and the recent attack on boxing by the American Medical Association have forced all of us involved in the sport to take a good, hard look at this racket we call boxing. Much of this introspection has been beneficial. There have been considerable advances made in the area of ring safety. Stricter pre-fight physicals, including EKG and CAT scans, have gone a long way towards eliminating unfit boxers from competition. Careful checking of fighters' won-lost records by vigilant commission members has practically eliminated—in major fight centers, anyway—the plague of stiffs and dive artists who used to litter the ring with their fraudulent presents. However, there is a danger of ruining boxing by going overboard in certain areas.

One growing problem is the rapid increase of premature stoppages. We've all heard that old saw about how it's better to stop a fight one punch too soon that one punch too late, but there can also be too much of a good thing. Lately, New Jersey referees seem to be a bit too eager to call a halt at the first sign of trouble. Sure, a quick termination of a fight will almost guarantee that nobody gets hurt. But it will also eliminate much of the drama that makes prize fighting such a unique event. In fact, the "turnaround" always was, and always will be, the most exciting aspect of a good fight. If this current trend continues to grow, the exciting prospect of a "comeback" rally will be all but eliminated from boxing.

The person in the middle of this problem is the referee. It is easy to understand his point of view. He is the man in the hot seat. The difference between life or death often depends on his actions. In an effort to give the referee more control of the situation, New Jersey has recently introduced a standing eight-count in professional bouts. This new rule was instituted over the objections of Bob Lee, New Jersey's acting athletic commissioner. Lee, who has been embroiled in a long-running political feud with the New Jersey Attorney General's office, was overruled.

I also oppose the standing eight-count. It seems to me to be just a method of covering up for incompetent referees, and blatantly unfair to the boxer inflicting the damaging blows. Let me explain my two objections in a little more detail.

Every top class referee should have the knowledge to know when a fighter needs to be rescued. It is a heavy responsibility, but that's what the ref is being paid for. I agree with Lee when he said that if a fighter is in such bad condition that the referee thinks a standing eight-count is needed, he should stop the fight. A standing eight-count, in effect, gives a hurt fighter a second chance—a second chance to get his brains scrambled.

And what about the fighter dishing out the punishment? How many times have you seen a puncher chase a fleet-footed boxer round after round before finally trapping him along the ropes and putting across a few fight-ending bombs? If the referee jumps in and administers a standing eight-count—just as the puncher begins to turn the fight in his favor—he is taking away everything the puncher has worked for throughout the entire contest.

If we are not careful, the entire structure of boxing will become so watered down that it will lose all the elements of controlled combat that has made it—at its best—the most exciting sporting spectacle of all. You can't legislate competence. The answer to improved ring safety lies in better referees, not more rules and regulations.

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Come Out Writing

Reader Robert Keith feels that Charlie (White Lightning) Brown, seen here nailing Todd Longmuir with a left hook, was mismatched against IBF champion Harry Arroyo.

THE HELTER-SKELTER HEAVYWEIGHTS

WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE heavyweight division? In the top ten there are seven guys who are current or former champions. I can't recall such nonsense in any division before. In the past two years, five new champions were crowned. If you go by who's beaten whom, the list should read: Larry Holmes, Pinklon Thomas, Tim Witherspoon, David Bey, Greg Page, Gerrie Coetzee, Michael Dokes and Mike Weaver. But I'm sure this will change again soon. Look for the next two years to be just as crazy. There are some good heavyweights fighting today, but except for the aging Holmes, no great ones. I think Muhammad Ali should make one more comeback and straighten out this mess once and for all.

LARRY PIETTE
Providence, RI

Editor's note: This problem is not the exclusive property of the heavyweight division. Take a gander at the flyweights.

SACRIFICIAL LIGHTNING

THE HARRY ARROYO-CHARLIE (White Lightning) Brown fight is history now, but I can't help thinking that Brown was as much the victim as he was the loser.

First of all, it is well known that Brown often has to shed four to six pounds the week of a fight, despite the fact that he trains hard. This should tell any sensible person something. If a 19-year-old, well-conditioned athlete is gaining weight, it simply means he's growing. Why couldn't (or wouldn't) Brown's trainer and manager see that? No 19-year-old kid should be forced to diet the week of a strenuous athletic contest. Brown should be fighting as a junior welterweight, not as a starving lightweight.

Secondly, two extremely close decision wins over Frank Newton and Louie Burke do not entitle anyone to a world title bout. It should have been obvious to Brown's management, from those two fights, that Brown was not ready for a title shot.

Thirdly, everyone knows that Charlie is highly susceptible to counter right hands. So who was he paired with? Harry Arroyo, who only has the best counter right in the business. This was a very poor choice of an opponent for Brown.

Brown's biggest problem may have been that he is white. The TV networks, along with Brown's management, know full well that the public is starved for white champions. They were only too happy to exploit this to the maximum. Never mind that Brown was at least two years away from being ready to challenge the likes of Arroyo.

Give "White Lightning" credit. His raw talent and courage were enough to give the champ trouble early in the fight. In my opinion, Brown's management and the TV network involved behaved like vultures, and Charlie Brown turned out to be the meat.

ROBERT KEITH
Ocean, New Jersey

CORONATION FOR CURRY?

YOUR WELTERWEIGHT TITLE HAS too long been vacant. With his flawless and total domination of all the finest contenders in his weight class, it is unreasonable to say that the true champion is not Donald Curry. No elimination bout with Milton McCrory is necessary at this point. It is gravely unfair to deny a man who has shown the desire to compete against the top challengers the title—CHAMPION.

HAL C. PATTE
Ithaca, NY

HAIR TODAY, GONE TOMORROW

I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY DON King's hair stands up on his head. I'm quite sure there are many other fight fans who are wondering the same thing.

RENITA WILLIAMS
Brooklyn, New York

Editor's note: Don claims it is a sign from God.

ROUND ONE

BY NIGEL COLLINS

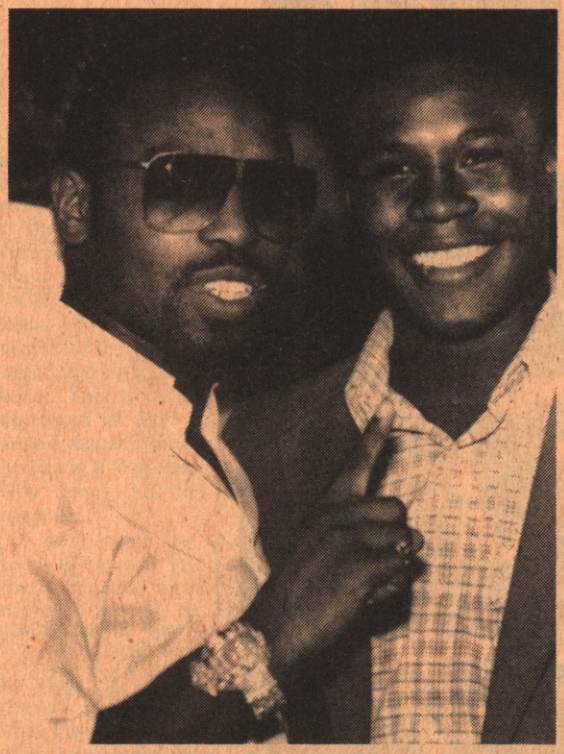
COMING CLEAN

WHEN THE NEWS BROKE THAT Tyrell Biggs was being treated for "chemical substance abuse and accompanying emotional problems," I was shocked. Not that Biggs had a drug problem, but that he actually *admitted* it. In recent years, newspapers have overflowed with stories about baseball, basketball, and football players checking into rehabilitation centers around the country. Movie stars and politicians are practically lining up to get into Betty Ford's fashionable clinic for wealthy lushes and junkies. However, until Biggs "came clean" about his "habit," boxing's druggies had been either ignored or swept under the stash box. Oh sure, Pinklon Thomas told everybody about his battle with heroin after he'd won the war, and Leon Spinks and Aaron Pryor have been busted for possession, but this is the first time a prominent fighter has gone public while still undergoing treatment. It's a positive step in the right direction. Fighters are human just like the rest of us. Trying to pretend that fighters don't take drugs would be just as foolish as trying to make believe that getting repeatedly punched in the head doesn't harm your health. Boxing has too long tried to live in a world of its own, oblivious to the rules of nature that govern the rest of the universe. I'm sorry that Biggs has a problem, and I hope he bounces back and has a great career. In the meantime, he's already done the sport a service with his honest disclosure at a very difficult time in his young life. Good luck, Tyrell. We're in your corner.

NO FLASH IN THE PAN

GABRIEL (FLASH) ELORDE SURviled 115 professional prize fights, but he couldn't lick cigarettes. The former world junior lightweight champion, a sports hero in his native Philippines, died in early January after a seven-month fight against lung cancer. He was 49. Doctors said that Elorde had become a chain-smoker after retiring from the ring in 1971 with a record of 88-25-2, 34 knockouts.

Southpaw Elorde, the youngest in a family of 15, turned pro at the age of 16 after working as a shoeshine boy, diswasher, street vendor, and construction laborer. He went on to become the most celebrated fighter his country ever produced, winning the junior lightweight crown with a seventh round knockout over American Harold Gomes in Manila on March 16, 1960. He held the title for seven years and made 10 successful defenses before finally losing his belt to Japan's Yoshiaki Numata on a 15-round decision in Tokyo, June 15, 1967.



Jet age champion Rocky Lockridge (left) poses with stablemate Meldrick Taylor, Olympic gold medalist and undefeated pro prospects.
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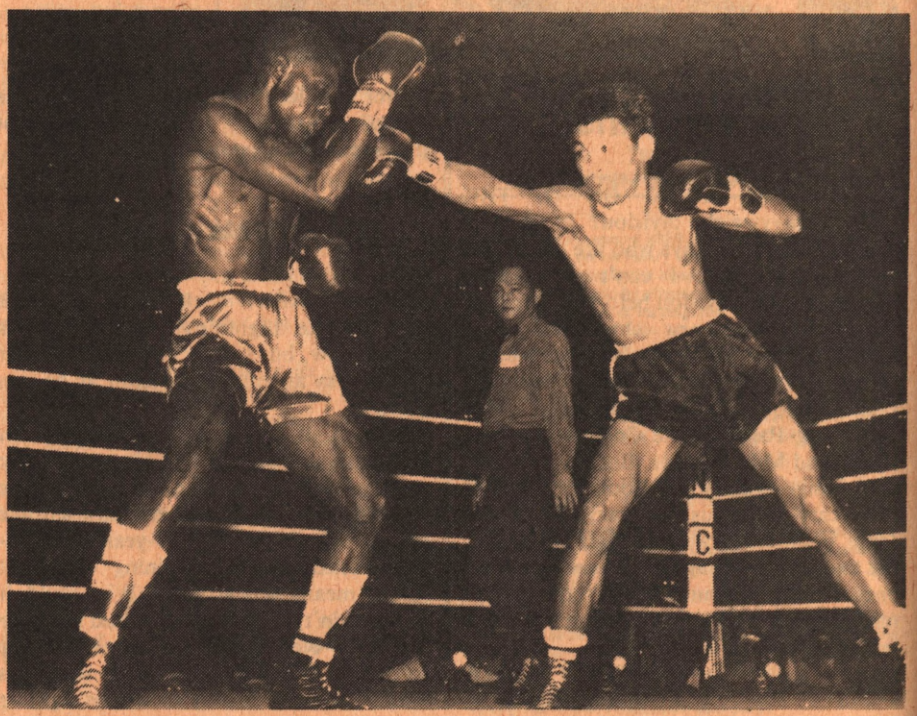

The late Flash Elorde (right) is seen here as he looked in his prime, defending his junior lightweight title with an 11th round disqualification over Love Allotey in Quezon City, November 16, 1963.

Elorde twice challenged for the lightweight title, being stopped both times by Carlos Ortiz. He also fought Sandy Saddler for the featherweight title in 1956, only to lose due to a badly cut eye in the 13th round. Six months previously, Flash had outpointed Saddler in a non-title bout.

A classic boxer-puncher, Elorde was always in an entertaining fight. It didn't matter whether he won by decision or belted his opponent out with crisp, combination punching, Flash was the consummate professional. Elorde was also a champion outside of the ring. After his retirement, he used part of his ring earnings to open an orphanage, a school, and a boxing gym in suburban Manila. He also built a Roman Catholic Church. It is a shame he couldn't have walked this planet a little longer. Both boxing and humanity in general could use more like him.

WHO ASKED IN THE FIRST PLACE?

USELESS INFORMATION DEPARTment: If you thought scribes covering the Super Bowl were desperate for new angles, you should see some of the press releases churned out by promoters and managers to hype their fighters. Did you know, for instance, that since WBA junior lightweight champion Rocky Lockridge won the title from Roger Mayweather, he has logged 27,212 air miles? Or how about this gem from Ray Mancini's manager, Dave Wolf: "The patient (Mancini) was seen on 6/28/84 by Dr. Ronald A. Hoffman, a specialist in the ear, nose, and throat areas, and his impression was that Ray was in excellent otolaryngic health." Wow! And did you know that Rickey Womack's hobby is "working as a prep cook?" Then there are the fighter bios that wax poetic, such as this bit of pomposity from Motherland Productions on behalf of light heavyweight contender Prince Mama Mohammed: "After witnessing a Prince Mohammed fight, the poetry, the art of boxing comes into focus, not the vulgar, crude feeling left by other ring warriors." Gag me with a protective cup. This kind of stuff is enough to make one switch to 'rasslin. As Lt. Joe Friday used to say, "Just the facts please, just the facts."

George Foreman: "Everybody needs a shot of scotch sooner or later."

Olympic super heavyweight champion Tyrell Biggs (center) has been sidelined with drug related problems. He is seen here in happier days, posing with fellow Olympians (from left to right) Pernell Whitaker, Evander Holyfield, Mark Breland, and Meldrick Taylor.

POLICE BLOTTER

THE MANHATTAN DISTRICT ATtorney's office finally got around to indicting junior middleweight Luis Resto and Panama Lewis, his manager, for allegedly removing one half of the padding from Resto's gloves prior to his June 16, 1983 bout with Billy Collins at Madison Square Garden. The official charges are assault and conspiring to defeat Collins by "any means, fair or foul." Resto and Lewis have pleaded not guilty to the charges and each was released on bail following arraignment. If convicted, both fighter and manager could get up to 15 years in the slammer.

PUNCHLINES

FORMER HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION George Foreman, commenting on the American Medical Association's attempts to ban boxing: "Boxing will never end. People will get tired of professional football and basketball. They're just watered down boxing, anyway. Everybody needs a shot of scotch sooner or later."

UNDISPUTED LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT boss Michael Spinks, on his proposed tactics should he ever find himself in the same ring with Larry Holmes: "I could probably scramble around and maybe hit him with something."

USBA HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION David Bey, explaining how he would like to be just like Larry Holmes if he beats him for the world title: "He (Holmes) has more check (credibility) than Reagan. He can go around the world and shake hands with anybody, even in Russia."

DAVID BEY, SPECULATING ABOUT how his life might change if he beats Holmes: "I'll have cousins I never knew before."

PROMOTER DAN DUVA, PUTTING Tyrell Biggs' drug problems into promotional perspectives: "We could get out of our contract (with Biggs) if he wanted to. But our position has already been to give a guy another chance. No third or fourth chance, but we'll give him a chance."

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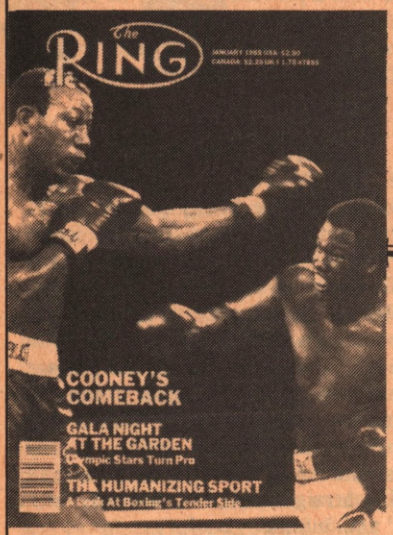

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THIS MONTH'S QUESTION:

Who will win the Marvin Hagler-Thomas Hearns fight—and why?

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Thomas (Hit Man) Hearns and Marvelous Marvin Hagler square off for a publicity photo months before their much anticipated showdown.

JACK FISKE *(San Francisco Chronicle boxing Columnist):*

Hearns by decision. I think Hearns is coming and the other guy is going. I think Hagler has made a lot of money and is not as hungry as he used to be.

GIL CLANCEY *(CBS-TV boxing color commentator):*

When the fight was first made, I was leaning towards Thomas Hearns. Now I find myself drifting toward Hagler. I go back to a couple of Hearns' fights against middleweights, against guys like (Ernie) Singletary and (Jeff) McCracken. Yes, Hearns is hot now and he is the big guy. But in the trenches, I just think Marvin may have too much for him.

JOHNNY TOCCO *(Las Vegas gym owner and trainer):*

I have to stick with the old man, Hagler. Marvin will train at my gym before shifting to Caesars. He won't lay on the ropes for Hearns like Duran did. If Hearns tries to nail Hagler right off the bat, he'll wind up a big loser. Lots of guys have talked about what they'll do to Hagler, but they don't do it.

HAROLD WESTON JR. *(Former welterweight contender, now matchmaker for Madison Square Garden):*

I like Marvin. Over the first four rounds, he can absorb Hearns' big punches. Then Hagler will start to take Tommy apart. I like Hagler's experience by a slight margin over Tommy's punching power.

CORNELIUS BOZA-EDWARDS *(Former WBC junior lightweight champion):*

I think Hagler is stronger. As time goes by during a fight, Thomas Hearns' hands grow weary. If Hearns gets lucky in the early rounds, he will take advantage. But if Hearns can't finish it in five or six rounds, I think it's Hagler's fight. Against Hagler, Hearns can't fight his typical fight. Hagler will rough him up. Hagler by decision, or by kayo.

MICHAEL SPINKS *(Undisputed light heavyweight champion):*

I like Hearns. He's got all the tools necessary to win this fight. He can outbox or outpunch Hagler. From my standpoint, I see Hearns winning a tough fight.

ANGELO DUNDEE *(Veteran trainer, who has been associated with 10 world champions):*

It's a very interesting matchup. We'll see how good Tommy Hearns is as a middleweight. I don't know how well he'll fare with a southpaw, either. Forget the 12 round thing. It won't go 12 rounds, anyhow. Tommy's shot is by kayo. Otherwise, Hagler will stop him. Hagler, don't forget, is very effective against tall guys.

EDDIE FUTCH *(Trainer of many world champions, including Larry Holmes):*

A kayo by Hearns is a possibility. Hagler was too tentative with Vito Antuofermo the first time, and with Duran. Hearns will prove to be the best middleweight Hagler has ever fought. Hagler's counterpunching will leave him open for Hearns' right hand. Hearns is a newly-reborn fighter. Simply put, the Hearns of today is better than the Hagler of today.

RUSSELL PELTZ *(Philadelphia-based promoter, who staged many of Hagler's early fights):*

A late-round kayo for Hagler. Hearns has not impressed as a middleweight. He has struggled. In boxing, everyone goes one way. All these experts are picking Hearns. That's another reason selling me on Hagler.

TYRONE CRAWLEY *(Lightweight contender):*

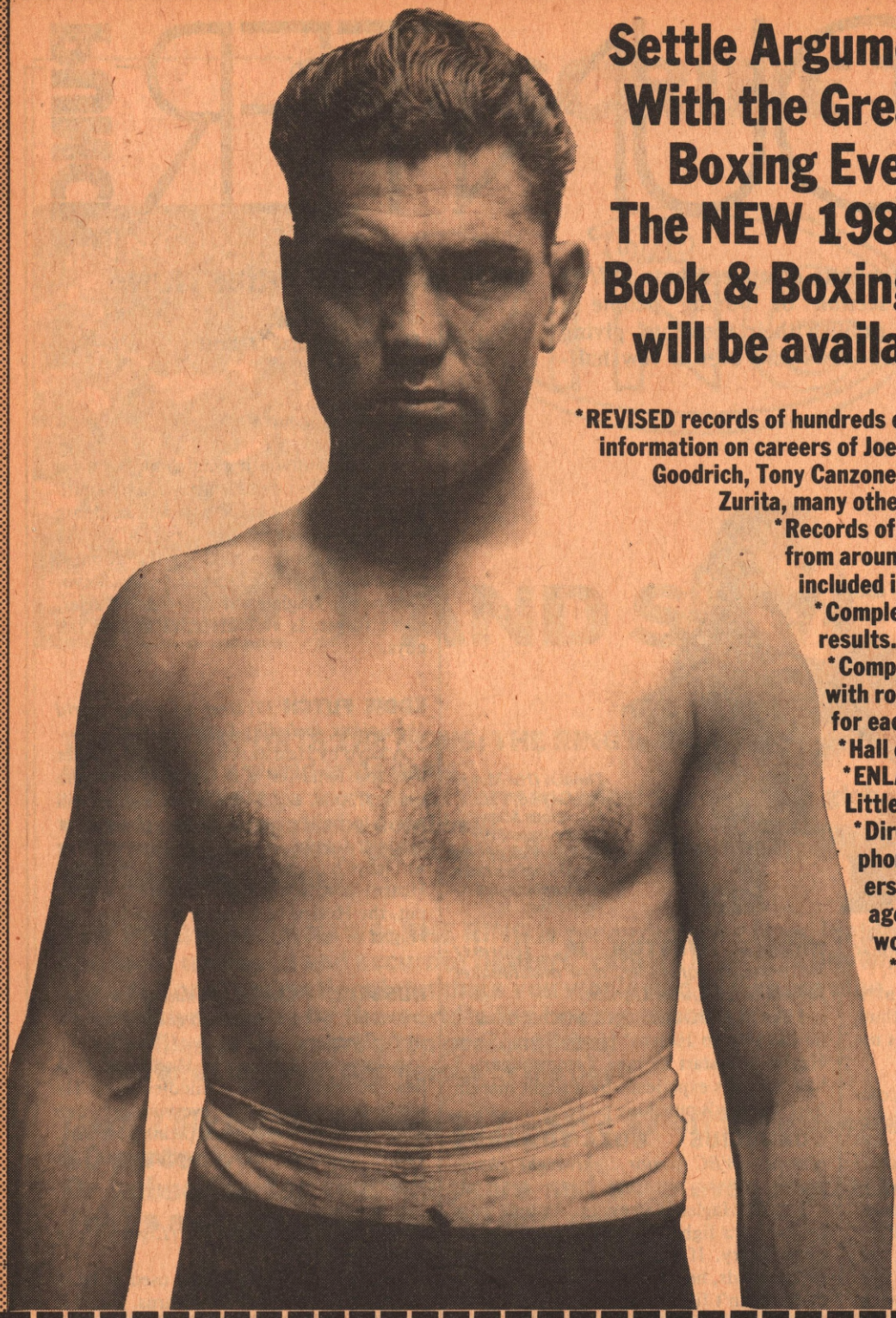
Hagler isn't the fighter he used to be. I see an early knockout for Hearns. But if it goes the distance, I like Hagler.

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN *(Managing Editor of* The Ring*):*

Hagler will clinch his way through the early rounds, and proceed to win on points.

NIGEL COLLINS *(Editor-in-Chief of* The Ring*):*

I always go for the guy with the shaven head.



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Noel Quarless KO1 Denroy Bryan
Dave Jaco KO3 Rick Keller

CRUISERWEIGHTS

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Bernard Benton W10 Stanley Ross
Arthur Weathers KO2 Lawrence LoPresto

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

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J.B. Williamson W12 Chris Schwenke
Rickey Womack KO2 Victor Felder
Poncho Carter KO4 Jim Leming
Vaughn Hooks W disq.4 James Stills
Nasir Ali KO3 Dave Plowden
Grover Robinson W12 Mike Sedillo
Sammy Reeson KO6 Trevor Cattouse
Evander Holyfield W6 Eric Winbush

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Curtis Parker KO2 Frank Fletcher
Errol Christie KO3 Gonzalo Montes
Brian Anderson KO1 Gratien Tonna

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

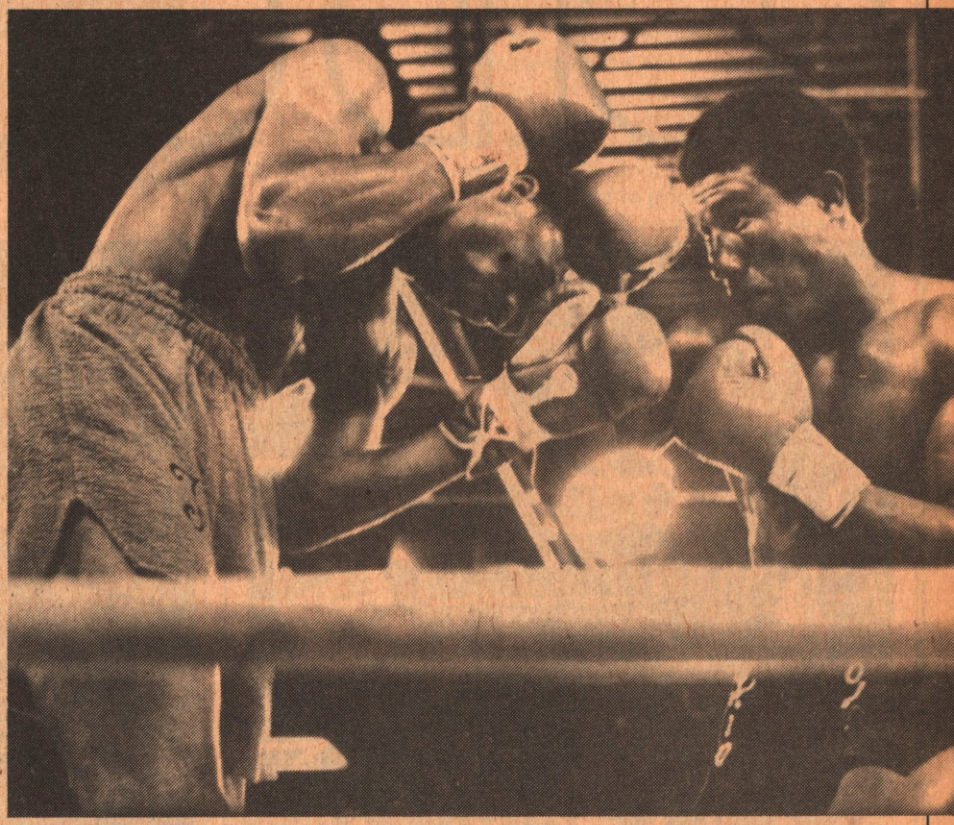
James Green KO7 Jeff Torrence
Matthew Hilton W10 Francisco DeJesus
Carlos Betancourt W10 Alex Hilton
Donny Poole KO2 Russell Mitchell
Tony Ojo KO4 Carl Riskus
Gary Cooper KO10 Martin Patrick
Bobby McCorvey KO9 Cheto Ramos

WELTERWEIGHTS

Donald Curry KO4 Colin Jones
(Retained WBA Title)
Lloyd Honeyghan KO3 Gianfanco Rosi
(Won EBU Title)
Carlos Trujillo KO7 Dario Liriano
Roger Stafford W10 Ramon Satana
Dave Hilton KO4 Sammy Horne
Shawn O'Sullivan KO2 Marvin McDowell
Alfonso Long W10 Robert Sawyer
Sylvester Mitte KO2 Juan Alonzo Villa
Troy Wortham W8 Ken Butler
Roberto Mendez W8 Rodney Trusel
Richard Aguirre KO3 Doug James
Junie Nash W8 Harold Whitfield

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Terry Marsh KO2 Peter Eubanks
(Retained British Title)



Dio Colome (right) recovered from a first-round knockdown against Tony Thomas to register a unanimous eight-round victory in the western welterweight regionals of the ESPN TV tournament at the Showboat.

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Ronnie Shields KO4 Edwardo Valdez
Glen Smith W10 Jerome Kinny

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Hector Camacho KO5 Louie Burke
Tyrone Crawley W10 Nick Parker
Steve Boyle KO3 Rory Burke
Pernell Whitaker KO2 Danny Avery
Jocko King W10 Al Martino
Mario Martinez KO6 Martin Morado
Charlie (Choo Choo) Brown W8 Jorge Nina
Meldrick Taylor W6 Dwight Pratchett
Remo DiCarlo KO8 Pierre Huneaunt
(Retained Canadian Title)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Rocky Lockridge KO6 Kamel Bou Ali
(Retained WBA Title)
Pat Cowdell KO7 Santos Moreno
E. Wade Costict KO3 Kenny Smith
Dino Ramirez W8 Gustavo Lopez

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Eusebio Pedroza W15 Jorge Lujan
(Retained WBA Title)
Juvenal Ordenes W12 Angel Levi Mayor
(Retained Continental American Title)
Bernardo Checa KO7 Pascual Polanco
Calvin Grove W10 Kelvin Seabrooks
Jackie Beard W10 Paul Graham
Lupe Suarez KO5 Robert Mullins
Sam David W10 Ron Cisneros
Jim McDonnell W10 Pat Doherty

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS

Victor Callejas W15 Seung-Hoon Lee
(Retained WBA Title)

BANTAMWEIGHTS

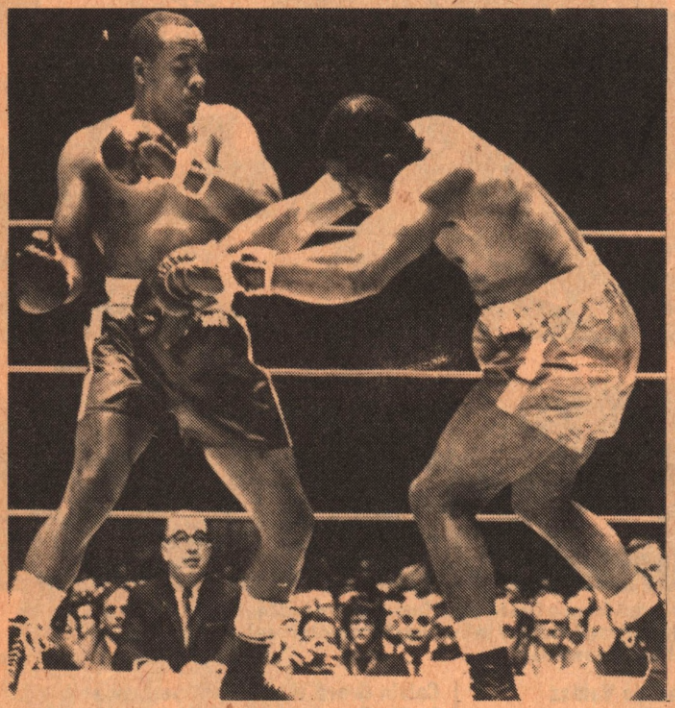
Greg Richardson W12 James Manning
(Retained NABF Title)
Gaby Canizales W10 Jeff Whaley

FLYWEIGHTS

Hi-Sup Shin KO6 Nongberd Naphataya
(Retained OPBF Title)
Hilario Zapata KO1 Ramon Espinal

Note to record keepers: Hector Camacho's sixth round knockout over Leoncio Ortiz listed on this page last month was an EXHIBITION.

SOLID GOLD MAN



A blow from The Bear. Liston follows through after landing a left to the head of Roger Rischer on his way to a third round knockout in 1968

Liston hobnobs with actress Carol Lynley on the set of the movie "Harlow." Sonny had a bit part in the film that starred Miss Lynley in the title role

BY HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

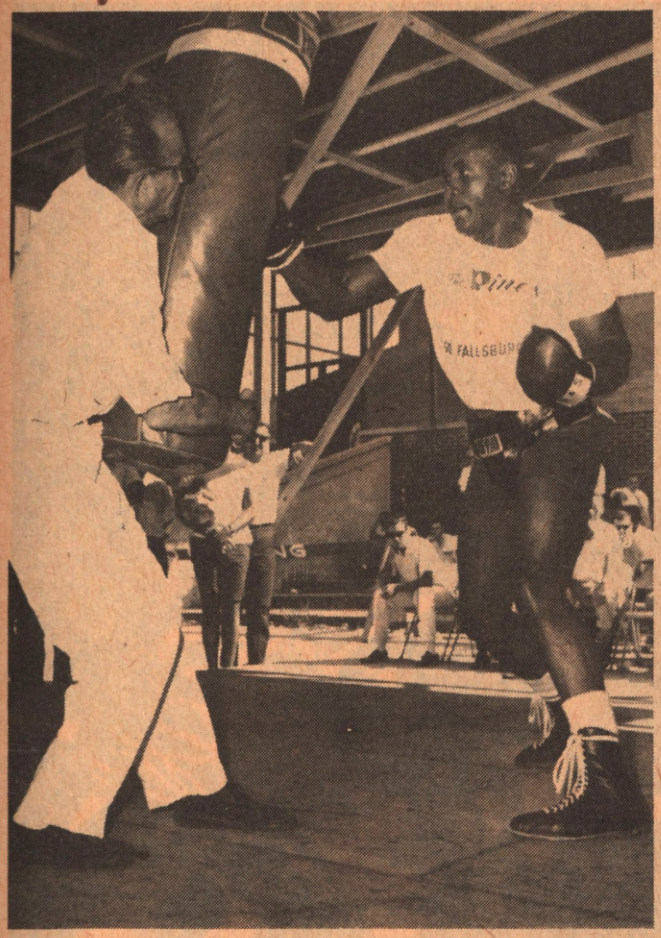
IN 1963, FOLLOWING THE SECOND of his two one-round demolishments of Floyd Patterson, Charles (Sonny) Liston was considered invincible. No man had ever won the world's heavyweight championship by a first round knockout before, and no man had ever knocked out another heavyweight champ in one round twice. Liston, moreover, had defeated almost all the other heavyweight contenders in what amounted to a three-year rampage.

But there was more to Liston's aura of invincibility than just his thoroughly convincing record. Part of it was the way he totally demolished his opponents—usually within three rounds. Another part of it was just his visage. Liston looked mean, he talked mean, and he acted mean. His entire aura was that of what one sportswriter called "the meanest animal in the jungle." His presence, his awesome fighting ability, and his undeniable background all combined to make him an archtype—the quintessential mugger that the average, law-abiding citizen of the early 1960s dreaded meeting some night in an alley.

Liston's early life, his long prison record, the prison chaplain who got him into boxing, and the various nefarious characters who managed, booked, or otherwise handled his career, are subjects for a book or a very long magazine story. And the mysteries that cloud his later years—the two Ali fights as well as Sonny's bizarre death—would make a fine piece for a top notch investigative reporter. The remainder of this column, however, will deal only with Sonny's early boxing career—the rise of the most awesome heavyweight the ring has yet produced.

The true year of Liston's birth has always been disputed. (In 1966, he silenced a reporter by declaring that "My mammy says I'm 34 years old. You calling her a f------ liar?") At the beginning of his pro career, his birthdate was listed as May 8, 1934. This was subsequently revised to May 8, 1932, a figure that still failed to satisfy inquiring reporters who knew Sonny had a daughter born in 1948. Sonny, however, may well have fathered a child at the age of fourteen. At that age, he was a man in almost every other respect. (He always had trouble reading and writing, but those gentlemanly arts were not part of the bread-and-butter world of Liston.)

Sonny emerged from one of several trips to prison in 1952 and won the St. Louis, Missouri, and National Golden Gloves heavyweight titles in quick order. He made his pro debut at the Arena in St. Louis, in a scheduled four-round bout against Don



Sonny Liston tears into heavy bag in preparation for his first fight with Floyd Patterson.

Smith on the undercard of the Randy Sandy-Ernie Durando/Pappy Gault-Teddy Roberts program on September 2, 1953. Bus Burke of *The Ring* filed the following report.

"In a four-round fight which was watched closely by many St. Louisians, Sonny Liston, a National Golden Glove champion, weighing 200½, and whose home is in St. Louis, punched out a fast 33-second knockout over Don Smith, 179, of Louisville, Ky. Smith had shown twice here in St. Louis in the past and had two one-round knockouts for his efforts. Against Liston, Smith apparently did not have a chance, as Liston swarmed all over him. When referee Jimmy Parker halted the slaughter with Smith practically out on his feet, it was discovered that Smith also was sporting a badly lacerated right eye."

Sonny, surprisingly, scored only one more knockout in his next eight fights. He outweighed all of his opponents (No fight card held in any major city would dare pair a light heavyweight like Smith against a man of Liston's size today) except Ponce DeLeon, a 215-pounder, Martin Lee, Stan Howlett, and Neil Welch. Liston even lost a fight along the way—an eight-round verdict to 180½-pound ring clown Marty Marshall, who used good lateral movement to good effect against Liston in Detroit on September 7, 1954.

Liston showed improvement after that, winning all of his next seven contests while scoring five knockouts, including a six-round TKO over Marshall in a return bout. But in 1956, following another triumph over Marshall, Sonny ran afoul of the law again and went to prison. Released after a year, he made his return to the ring against Bill Hunter in Chicago Stadium on January 29, 1958, knocking out his lighter (210-193) opponent in the second round. Another knockout, over Ben Wise in the fourth frame of a scheduled eight-round contest, led to a 10-rounder with Bert Whitehurst, Sonny's first important contest. Liston did not stop Whitehurst, but looked impressive en route to a unanimous decision victory. Another scheduled 10-frame bout saw Julio Mederos unable to answer the bell for round three, and Liston was on his way. A devastating first round TKO over Wayne Bethea made Sonny a contender in his next fight.

The Liston of 1958-1963 was a truly devastating fighter, one of the five greatest heavyweights of all-time. A first round knockout over Frankie Daniels followed the Bethea massacre. Bert Whitehurst again managed to last the 10-round distance with Liston in a return bout at the St. Louis Arena, but Sonny went on to score knockouts in his next nine contests.

A kilted Liston lifts flyweights Alex O'Neil and Carl Taylor during an exhibition tour of Ireland.

A battered "Scrap Iron" Johnson is led back to his corner while the victorious Liston is restrained by his cornerman.

Among his victims were such standouts as Cleveland Williams, Nino Valdes, and Zora Folley.

Eddie Machen fought a smart and fearless 12-round "prison" type of fight against Sonny in Seattle on September 7, 1960—stomping on his toes and using every in-and-out trick in the book. Liston was almost frothing at the mouth, but Machen went the distance, and the scoring was not quite as one-sided as some writers have maintained.

On December 4, 1961, Sonny knocked out Germany's Albert Westphal in 1:58 of the first round in Philadelphia's Convention Hall as part of a closed circuit doubleheader with the Floyd Patterson-Tom McNeeley title bout in Toronto. President John F. Kennedy, watching both bouts, remarked that "it would have been a better fight if Liston had fought Patterson." Floyd took that as a cue to

override manager Cus D'Amato's objections to Sonny as a titular opponent. Patterson defended against Liston in Comiskey Park, Chicago, on September 25, 1962, and the rest is history.

. . . Or it would be history, if boxing "historians" would stop sweeping the legacy of Sonny Liston under the ring canvas. Sonny Liston existed, and, Ali bouts or no Ali bouts, he was one of the greatest fighters to ever lace on a glove.

Let' stop trying to deny it. □

Although he was one of the most feared heavyweights of all time, Liston had a way with children. He is seen here with Mike Zwerner, his 11-year-old mascot.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD OF SONNY LISTON

Date	Opponent	Result	Time KO	Weights Liston	Opp.	Site
1953						
Sept. 2	Don Smith	TKO 1	0:33	200½	179	St. Louis
Sept. 17	Ponce De Leon	W 4		200	215	St. Louis
Nov. 21	Benny Thomas	W 6		198½	184	St. Louis
1954						
Jan. 25	Martin Lee	TKO 6		201	208	St. Louis
March 31	Stan Howlett	W 6		203	203	St. Louis
June 29	John Summerlin	W 8		206	193	Detroit
Aug. 10	John Summerlin	W 8		201	195¾	Detroit
Sept. 7	Marty Marshall	L 8		204	180½	Detroit
1955						
March 1	Neil Welch	W 8		202	208	St. Louis
April 21	Marty Marshall	TKO 6		202	181	St. Louis
May 5	Emil Brtko	TKO 5	2:55	202	197	Pittsburgh
May 25	Calvin Butler	TKO 2	2:18	206½	187	St. Louis
Sept. 13	Johnny Bray	TKO 7	*		193	Indianapolis
Dec. 13	Larry Watson	TKO 4		209	181	East St. Louis
1956						
March 6	Marty Marshall	W 10		203½	179	Pittsburgh
1957						
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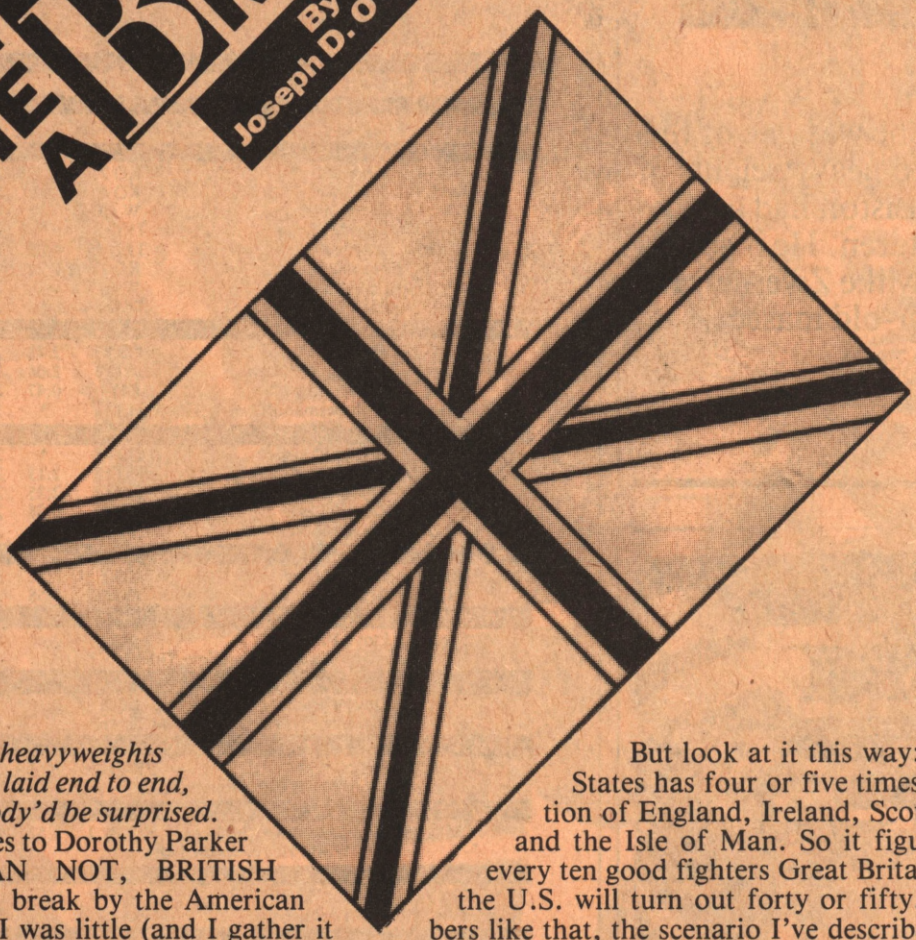
1958						
Jan. 29	Bill Hunter	KO 2		210	193	Chicago
March 11	Ben Wise	KO 4		210	200	Chicago
Apr. 3	Bert Whitehurst	W 10				St. Louis
May 14	Julio Mederos	TKO 3	*	204	199	Chicago
Aug. 6	Wayne Bethea	TKO 1	1:09	206	204	Chicago
Oct. 7	Frankie Daniels	KO 1	2:22	212	191	Miami Beach
Oct. 24	Bert Whitehurst	W 10		212½	190	St. Louis
Nov. 18	Ernie Cab	TKO 8	*	211	211¼	Miami Beach
1959						
Feb. 18	Mike DeJohn	TKO 6	2:43	209¼	202	Miami Beach
April 15	Cleveland Williams	TKO 3	2:04	212½	210¼	Miami Beach
Aug. 5	Nino Valdes	KO 3	0:47	211	211	Chicago
Dec. 9	Willi Besmanoff	TKO 7	*	210	201	Cleveland
1960						
Feb. 23	Howard King	TKO 8	*	212¼	195	Miami Beach
March 21	Cleveland Williams	TKO 2	2:13	212½	215½	Houston
April 25	Roy Harris	TKO 1	2:35	212½	195	Houston
July 18	Zora Folley	KO 3	0:28	212½	198½	Denver
Sept. 7	Eddie Machen	W 12		211	196	Seattle
1961						
March 8	Howard King	KO 3	0:53	219½	204	Miami Beach
Dec. 4	Albert Westphal	KO 1	1:58			Philadelphia
1962						
Sept. 25	Floyd Patterson (Won World Heavyweight Title)	KO 1	2:06	214	189	Chicago
1963						
July 22	Floyd Patterson (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	KO 1	2:10	215	194½	Las Vegas
1964						
Feb. 25	Cassius Clay (Lost World Heavyweight Title)	TKO by 7	*	218	210½	Miami Beach
1965						
May 25	Muhammad Ali (For World Heavyweight Title	KO by 1	1:52	215¼	206	Lewiston
1966						
June 29	Gerhard Zach	KO 7		221	226	Stockholm
Aug. 19	Amos Johnson	KO 3		218	200	Gothenburg
1967						
March 30	Dave Bailey	KO 1	2:22	221	215	Gothenburg
April 28	Elmer Rush	TKO 6		223	216	Stockholm
1968						
March 16	Bill McMurray	KO 4		223	210	Reno
May 23	Billy Joiner	TKO 8	*	222	189	Los Angeles
July 6	Henry Clark	TKO 7	2:47	219	215	San Francisco
Oct. 14	Sonny Moore	KO 3		221½	205½	Phoenix
Nov. 3	Willis Earls	KO 2				Juarez
Nov. 12	Roger Rischer	KO 3	2:23	219	200	Pittsburgh
Dec. 12	Amos Lincoln	KO 2	2:46	215¾	209½	Baltimore
1969						
March 28	Billy Joiner	W 10		219½	195½	St. Louis
May 19	George Johnson	TKO 7		217	212	Las Vegas
Sept. 23	Sonny Moore	KO 3		226	208	Houston
Dec. 6	Leotis Martin (For Vacant NABF Heavyweight Title)	KO by 9	1:08	219½	199	Las Vegas
1970						
June 29	Chuck Wepner	TKO 10	*	219	228	Jersey City

* Loser failed to answer bell for round indicated.

GIVING THE BRITS A BREAK

By Joseph D. O'Brian



If all the British heavyweights
were to be laid end to end,
nobody'd be surprised.
—with apologies to Dorothy Parker

MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, BRITISH fighters are given a bad break by the American fight crowd. Ever since I was little (and I gather it was happening before that), I've been hearing jokes and snickers about British fighters. They bleed if you look too hard at them, so it's said. A stiff breeze will knock them down, and two stiff breezes will knock them out. When a British fighter fights an American, he'll count a unanimous decision loss as a kind of moral victory.

These jokes are not entirely mythical. Every stereotype, after all, has some basis in truth. It does happen, with almost frightening predictability, that a highly-touted young British fighter will sooner or later be matched up with an American pug who's considered no better than mediocre, and sure enough, the Brit gets stretched in a couple of rounds.

But look at it this way: The United States has four or five times the population of England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and the Isle of Man. So it figures that for every ten good fighters Great Britain produces, the U.S. will turn out forty or fifty. With numbers like that, the scenario I've described shouldn't be considered extraordinary.

What should be considered extraordinary is the number of really first-rate fighters Great Britain has produced. Bob Fitzsimmons, Jimmy Wilde, Ted "Kid" Lewis, Jackie Berg, Jim Driscoll, Randy Turpin—and that's just for starters.

Besides the really good fighters, Britain has turned out dozens of less good, but equally colorful fighters. Tommy Farr, Terry Downes, Henry Cooper, Joe Bugner and Ken Buchanan come immediately to mind.

When you stop to think about it, this isn't surprising. The fact is that if any people are responsible for turning boxing into the highly-popular, big-money sport-*cum*-art form that it is today, the credit must go

to the British.

It will often happen that a sport will originate in one country, but will be refined and made popular in another. The French invented golf, for instance, but it was in Scotland that the sport became popular. The Persians invented chess, but it was the Jews who spread its appeal and refined it to its modern face. The Dutch invented hockey, but the Canadians turned it into a big-money sport.

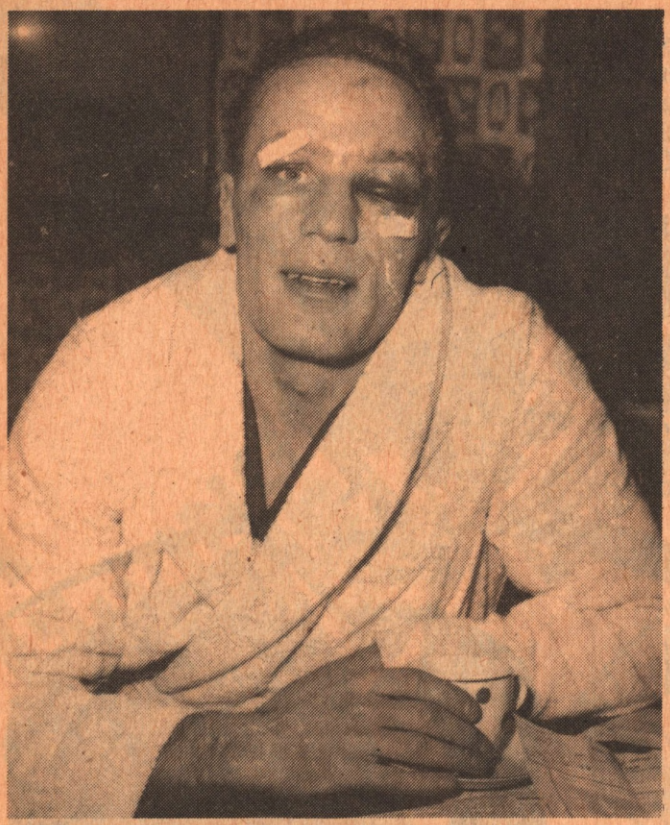
This is the British relationship to boxing. Boxing was probably invented by the ancient Greeks, thousands of years ago. It was the British who revived the sport in the late 1600s, gave it a set of rules, studied it, perfected it, and passed it on to the rest of the world. We Americans like to claim credit for making boxing big, but the fact is that our contribution to the sport was virtually zero until the last part of the nineteenth century. The British dominated boxing, both the theory and practice of the sport, until the 1920s.

The British have contributed more to boxing than anyone else in the world. Okay. So why is it that these days, no British fighter can be taken seriously? Why does the phrase "British fighter" automatically mean a clumsy glass-jawed clown who couldn't lick a stamp?

Well, part of it just has to do with how widespread boxing has become. In the old days, most fighters were British, and so of course almost all the *good* fighters were British. Now that fighters come from all over the world, it follows that Britain's percentage of winners will drop.

That's the simplest answer. There's a more complex answer

Perhaps the most popular British fighter of all time was Henry Cooper. Henry is seen here pinning his Order of the British Empire medal on his son Marco.



Henry Cooper even looked bad when he won a fight. This is a shot of Henry having a cup of tea (what else) the morning after winning the British and Empire heavyweight titles from Brian London.

Heavyweight Joe Bugner never captured the hearts of the British fans the way Henry Cooper did, but he hit the jackpot at the bank, earning more money than any other British fighter in history.

too, though, which may be more to the point and is certainly more interesting. This answer lies in the British attitude towards boxing, towards their heroes, and towards money. In short, the answer lies in the British national character.

Have you ever noticed, for instance, how much the British love a loser? It's not like the United States at all. Here, if a fighter gets creamed in an important fight, that's it. His friends desert him, his enemies turn on him, his fans boo him. He ends up, as often as not, a broken man, living on beer, minimum-wage jobs and the contempt of his fellows.

In the United Kingdom, they don't know from losers. As long as the Brits are convinced that a man has done his best, he's okay with them. Take for example the case of Henry Cooper.

If you followed boxing at all in the 1960s, you remember Old 'Ennery. He was almost the stereotypical British heavyweight: stolid, workmanlike, sportsmanlike. He was aggressive in the ring, could box a little, and had a left hook that could have put Conan the Barbarian on his ass.

He was also as slow as the Broadway local, had a chin of Rosenthal porcelain, and lost about two quarts of blood whenever a boxing glove came anywhere near his eye.

Cooper held the British heavyweight title for nearly twelve years, but the British, typically, remember him best for his crack at the world's crown in 1966 against Muhammad Ali. For six rounds he fought his heart out, the fight being stopped when he was literally wading in his own blood. In America, a loser's a loser and to hell with him. If Cooper had been an American, nobody would have had the time of day for him. The British, though, gave him credit for a good try and then some. Today, there is no more revered elder statesman of boxing than Henry Cooper. The British fight crowd still cheers him when he shows up at a fight, still seeks out his opinion of every up-and-coming fighter, and invariably compares that up-and-coming kid with 'Ennery.

Of course, part of this sympathy for a gutty loser that is part of the British character is a half-solid belief among British fans that one of their own boys can't really lose a fight. A good example of this attitude is the fact that many British fans still consider Tommy Farr the uncrowned conqueror of Joe Louis.

In 1937, Louis made his first defense of the world title against Tommy Farr. Farr, a scrappy Welshman with good speed but no punch, was supposed to be an easy touch. As it happened, he wasn't. He was a good fighter with a tremendous heart. He took

Louis the full fifteen rounds, losing a unanimous decision. It wasn't close; Farr lost by a pretty good margin, and if Louis hadn't hurt his right hand during the fight, there might not have been a decision at all. Farr did show a lot of guts, though, and this is all the British have ever expected of their fighters.

To this day, there is a popular myth in the United Kingdom, particularly in Wales, that Tommy was robbed of that decision. This myth has no basis other than the fact that Farr stood up to Louis' best shots. Farr, when pressed, will admit that Louis beat him, but he won't volunteer this information, and who can blame him?

So maybe that's why it shouldn't be considered unusual when a British fighter loses to an American. The British fighter, after all, has a lot less to lose. When an American gets beat, he's nothing. When a Brit loses, that's okay, as long as he does his best. I'm pro-American in most things, but I think that this is an attitude we Yanks ought to adopt more often—it might make us a better bunch of people.

There is another side to this coin, of course, and that is that the British will not tolerate a fighter who gives less than his best. Brian London, for instance, challenged Muhammad Ali for the world title a couple of months after Cooper's gallant effort, and won nothing but anger from his countrymen.

Understand, nobody gave London a chance. Nobody expected him to do anything more than give it his best and go down swinging. If that was all he'd done, it would've been okay. But he couldn't even manage that. Instead, he went through the motions for two rounds, then collapsed from a light punch in the third and stayed down. The British fans booed him all the way to the dressing room, and nasty jokes about his conduct persisted for several years afterwards.

Another thing the British have is a good sense of humor about their fighters. (They need it, sometimes.) You'll always get a good laugh out of a British fan by mentioning a couple of the black marks on their national reputation: fighters like London, Charlie Mitchell, or Phil Scott.

Phil Scott! Phainting Phil! Who can forget him? Scott was a heavyweight back

As you can see, the Brits always knew how to travel in style. Here we have Jackie (Kid) Berg and his sweetheart, Eleanor Kraus, aboard the S.S. Paris in 1930.

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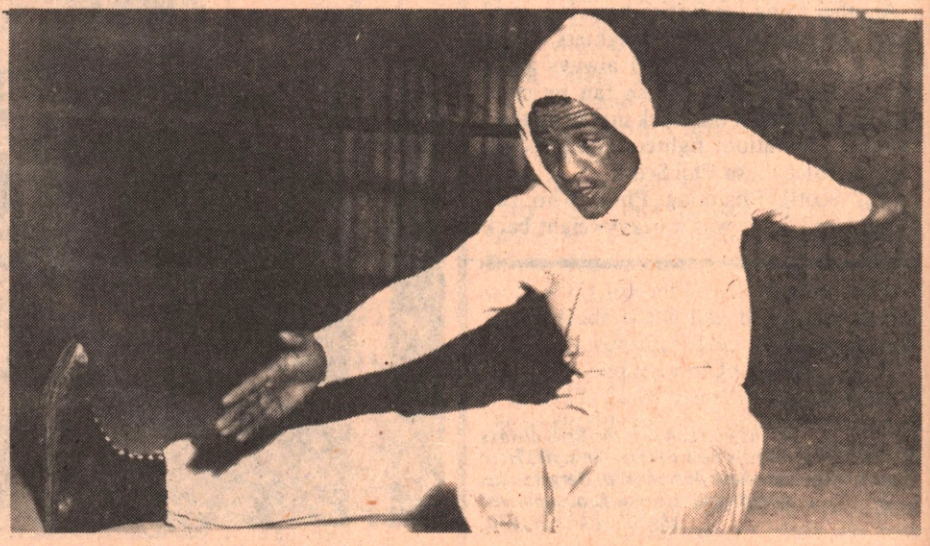
in the 1920s and 30s who at one point was actually considered a serious contender, although the only world title he ever held was that of Most Hilarious Fighter of the 20th Century.

He wasn't a bad fighter. He didn't have a big punch, but he could box. He probably could have won a lot of fights in the regular way, but that wasn't his preference. His favorite method was to wait until his opponent threw a punch anywhere south of the eyebrows, then crash to the canvas, howling and clutching his marbles as though he were afraid they'd run away. He was a hell of an actor, so good that only the veriest brute of a referee could fail to disqualify the other fighter immediately. He set a record (which will stand forever) for the number of bouts he won on "fouls."

Everybody took it in the spirit of good fun, though, with the possible exception of his opponents. Even his manager, the incomparable Jimmy Johnston, liked to joke about it. "Why," he once said, "my Philip 'as made more money this year than

A battered Brian London poses with his wife and mother following an 11th round knockout at the hands of Floyd Patterson.

Ismael Laguna (left) and Ken Buchanan get ready to do some serious munching. The diet must have suited Ken, he survived the meal and went on to win the lightweight crown with a 15 round decision over Laguna in San Juan.



One of the best British fighters of all time was Randy Turpin who beat Sugar Ray Robinson for the middleweight title in 1951.

A rare photo of 'Phainting Phil' Scott (right) on his feet. Scott was in Miami training for a match with Jack Sharkey when he ran into the long arm of the law. Sharkey won by a third round knockout. 'Phainting Phil' went into his act, but the referee ignored his histrionics and counted him out.

the President of the United States, just by lyin' on the floor and 'olding 'is groin."

Scott is the exception, of course. More common is the kind of guts displayed by Jackie Berg, the English lightweight from the 1920s and 30s. They still tell the story of his fight against Tony Canzoneri, when he got caught with a good shot early in the second round and spent the full three minutes taking punch after punch, until even the most bloodthirsty fan was screaming to the ref to stop it.

The ref didn't, though. When the bell rang, Berg's trainer, Whitey Bimstein, leaped into the ring and dragged Berg back to his corner, nearly weeping with concern. Whitey was fond of Berg.

"Yitzel!" he cried, "Yitzel, how are you?"

"Fine, thank you," Berg replied. "And you?"

The thing is that the British really do see boxing as a sport. It's not a life-or-death thing, like in the States, it's just a sport.

Indeed, you sometimes get the idea that the British consider it bad form to win. The attitude is rather like that of an American who adopts a politically fashionable belief, knowing that his cause can never succeed. If the cause *does* succeed, it's no longer fashionable.

Well, all right, you can joke about it all you like, and indeed British fighters can be pretty funny sometimes. But one thing you can't deny: When you see a British fighter climb into the ring, chances are you'll see him put out an effort that's a pleasure to watch. And when you see that effort, do as the British do: Appreciate it. □

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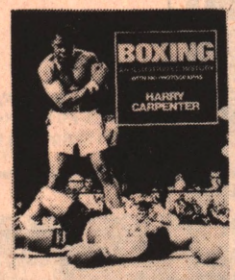

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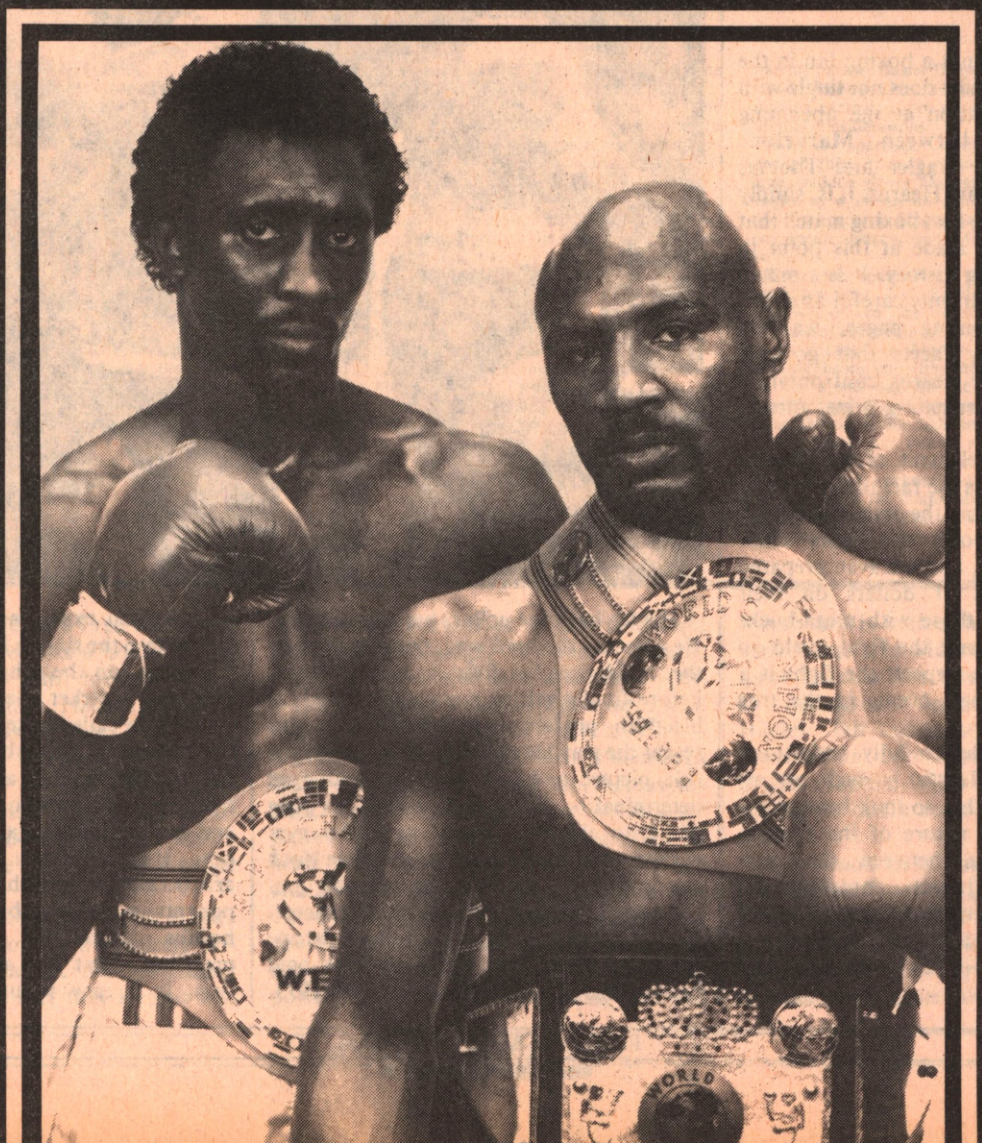

HAGLER-HEARNS:

RING EDITOR NIGEL COLLINS LOOKS AT THE BIG FIGHT

Although Roberto Duran (right) gave Hagler a run for his money, it was Marvin who came on strong down the stretch to win the decision.

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There is not a boxing fan in the world who does not tingle with anticipation at the upcoming fight between Marvelous Marvin Hagler and Thomas (Hit Man) Hearns. It is, simply put, the best boxing match that can be made at this point in sporting history. It is a match that warrants careful analysis, and, over the coming pages, we will examine the many facets that go into making the Hagler-Hearns confrontation one of the most fascinating prizefights of the 20th century.

The most basic element of the Hagler-Hearns showdown is the fact that you can't pick the winner before the opening bell. Oh sure, plenty of people *think* they know who's going to win, and are even prepared to risk thousands of dollars on their favorite, but even those with mega-bucks on the line will admit the fight could go either way. In this respect, the fight is a legitimate "sporting" event, in the true sense of the word.

However, in order to fully understand why the Hagler-Hearns is such an attractive event, one has to look beyond the highly competitive nature of the contest. This confrontation between the middleweight and junior middleweight champions has captured the imagination of the sporting public because it is also a contrast in styles—both in the ring and outside the ropes.

Hagler has blue collar, hard hat appeal. He came up the hard way, battling the best the middleweight division had to offer before finally getting a crack at the title in his 50th professional fight. Many fans resent the way Hagler was frozen out of the title picture and still respect the dogged determination he showed during his long climb to the top. Every guy who ever carried a lunch pail or punched a time clock can identify with the way Hagler has conducted himself throughout his career. He's exhibited nose-to-the-grindstone professionalism ever since his first paid bout against Terry Ryan on May 18, 1973. And we can expect nothing less when he climbs into the ring to face the "Hit Man."

Hearns, on the other hand, has always presented a slicker image. It doesn't matter whether he calls himself the "Hit Man" or the "Motor City Cobra," Hearns cuts a dashing figure. He's a sleek, sophisticated fighting machine who disdains the rough-and-tumble trench warfare that has often been Hagler's forte. Hearns prefers an aristocratic approach. He sets up opponents with superb boxing, and then bombs them out with devastating precision. Neat and clean, no muss, no fuss. It is easy to understand Tommy's

appeal. When he's on top of his game, Hearns makes winning look ridiculously easy. A couple of well placed volleys and it's all over. Chalk up another kayo for the "Hit Man."

Although everybody sees a slightly different version of the final outcome, there seems to be a common thread running through most prognostications. Many of those who pick Hearns predict a quick blastout for the WBC 154-pound titleholder. Their logic is rooted in several facts. In his last two outings, against the only tough fight (against Sugar Ray Leonard) he was ever involved in. They figure that Tommy will fade under Hagler's relentless pressure, finally giving way to the physically stronger man. Whether it's by stoppage or decision, Hagler fans believe that the longer the fight goes, the better Hagler's chances of winning.

Of course, both of the above possibilities could be considered oversimplifications. Let's take a look at some other factors that may play a part in the final outcome.

bring home the bacon.

Another side to this Mutt-n-Jeff pairing (see our cover photo) is Hagler's excellent track record against taller opponents. Lanky boxer-puncher types like Willie Monroe, Bobby Watts, and Fulgencio Obelmejias were all chopped down to size. It should also be noted that both Monroe and Watts outpointed Marvin the first time around, and it wasn't until the rematches that Hagler really did a job on these men.

While on the subject of loses. There has been a lot written to the effect that Hagler

TRAINING CAMP REPORT

Marvin Hagler Prepares For Hearns In The Frigid Isolation Of Cape Cod

by Robert "Meatcleaver" Muldoon

FOR MANY, PROVINCETOWN ON THE tip of Cape Cod is a quaint seaside resort. For one man, it is a prison. That man is Marvelous Marvin Hagler, the undisputed Middleweight Champion of the World.

Hagler has been coming to the Provincetown Inn for the past eight years to train for important fights. He has found that the isolation and the deprivation of comforts and companionships make him ornery, ready to "destruct and destroy." Although there have been lots of offers to train elsewhere, the Provincetown formula has worked well. He keeps coming back to the cloistered seclusion of the town and the inn—and he keeps winning.

The moon is full, and stars still fill the sky when Hagler begins his day. The silence of dawn is broken only by the melancholy wail of gulls and the pealing of distant church bells. Hagler and manager Goody Petronelli run beside the beach dunes, past gnarled and stunted scrub brush. Marvin peppers the air with uppercuts and exhortations repeated rapid-fire like machine gun bursts.

"Who's the champ? I'm the champ!"

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After the six to eight mile run, Hagler goes into solitary confinement for the rest of the day until his evening workout at 6:00. There is not much to do in the winter in Provincetown. Hagler's sparring partners continually belabor this point. They spend lots of time in the video game room.

Once the boredom of the day is staved off, the serious business of fighting begins. In sessions open to the public, Hagler trains in a makeshift gym erected by the indoor pool at the Provincetown Inn. The blood-spattered ring stands in stark contrast to the tranquility of the rippling water. The fighters loosen up to the pulsating strains of disco music. Snorting and grunting, they rip combinations through the air until their bodies glisten with sweat. The music is then shut off, and the fighters put on protective belts and headgear. Hagler places a circa 1920 baseball cap on backwards underneath his headgear to protect his menacing—but sensitive—pate from chafing.

The sparring partners who enter the ring with Hagler are paid to mimic the style of the opponent. In the case of Hitman Hearns, they will stand upright, shoot stiff jabs, and follow with whistling right hands. Hagler usually retains three sparring partners, all similar in physical stature to the opponent. Each will spar with the champ for two rounds before slumping off in pain and exhaustion.

"Guys get carried out with the inside of their mouths so chewed up and raw that they can't eat. When you spar with Marvin, it's like fighting a title fight. Marv don't ease up on you—he comes to work," says former sparring partner Buster Drayton.

Even Robbie Sims, Hagler's brother and frequent sparring partner, is not spared. He receives no special familial considerations.

After the sparring, Goody Petronelli leads Marvin through three rounds of tactical training. He wears large, padded gloves like catcher's mitts and instructs Hagler to work on his combinations. The spectators recoil in horror as Hagler unleashes shots that, should they wander astray, would fell Petronelli. Hagler does not miss.

The music comes back when Marvin removes his protective gear. To the delight of the crowd, he shadowboxes to the theme from "Rocky." The schedule of three minutes work and one minute rest is rigidly adhered to. Marvin leaves the ring, and the gawking throng parts like the Red Sea. He jumps rope, hits the speed bag (to the tune of "Sweet Gorgia Brown") and the heavy bag (a Sugar Ray Leonard autographed model). Abdomen work follows. Three minutes work; one minute rest. Three minutes work; one minute rest . . .

The grueling workout ends when Goody announces that photos of the champ are available. Marvin dries off his saturated dome, tosses the crowd a nod, and heads back to his cell. □

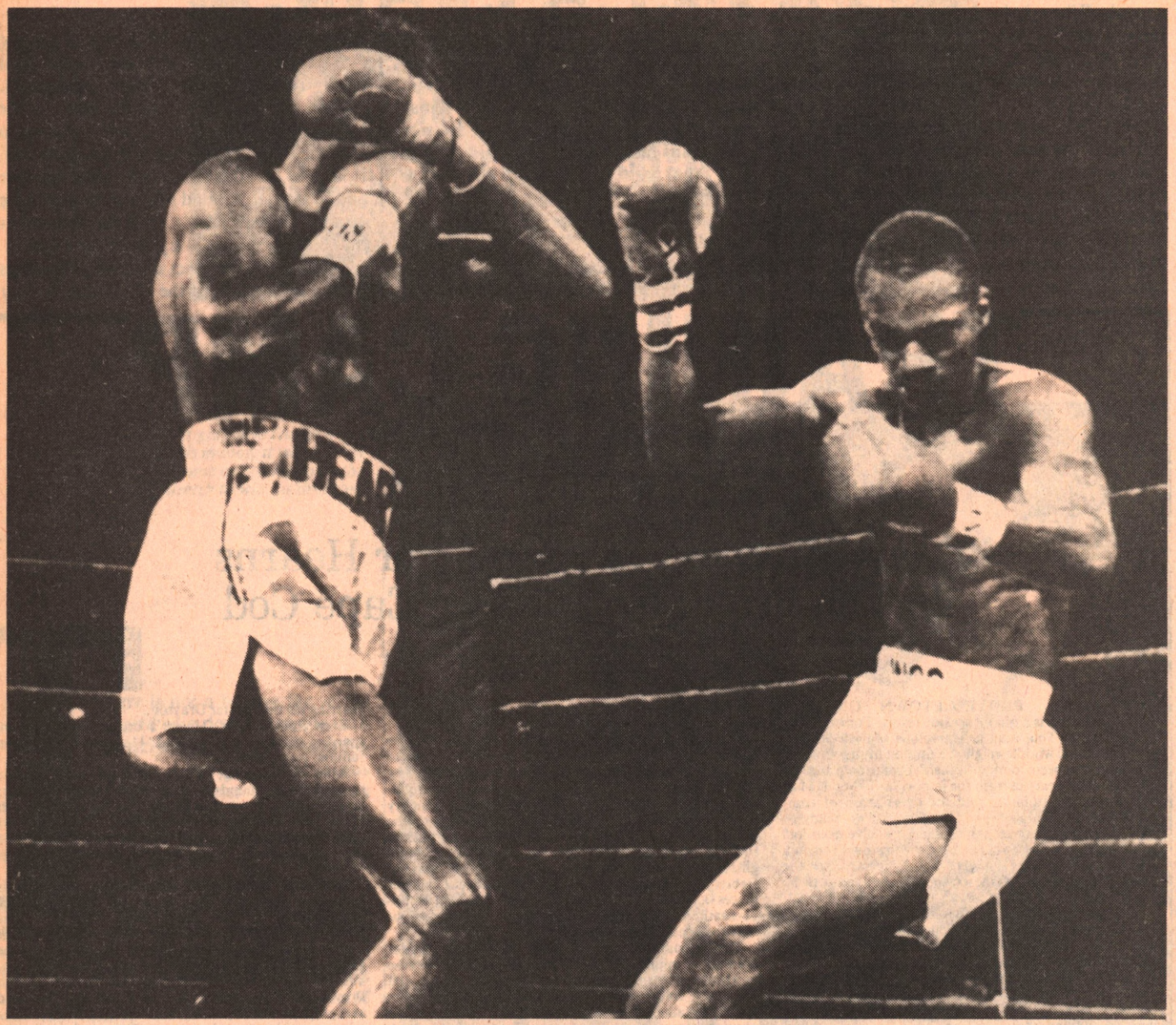
Roberto Duran (KO2) and Fred Hutchings (KO3), Hearns started like a house on fire and didn't ease up until his adversaries were flat on their backs. Hagler, however, is a notoriously slow starter, and rather susceptible to right hands—Hearns' best punch. It is easy for Hearns supporters to visualize the "Hit Man" exploding out of his corner and devastating Hagler before the "Marvelous One" has a chance to get started.

The majority of those who think Hagler will emerge the victor see an entirely different scenario unfolding. The pro-Hagler crowd points to the fact that Hearns lost

Much has been made of Hearns' height and reach advantage. At 6-foot-1, Hearns is a good half-a-head taller than the 5-foot-9 Hagler. Tommy also enjoys a three inch edge in reach. This is not really that big a deal because a fighter's reach is measured from finger tip to finger tip, across his back. In other words, each of Hearns' gloves will have only an inch-and-a-half head start on their way to Hagler's anatomy. If Hearns decides to jab and move the way he did against Leonard, this could be advantageous. But if Tommy goes for the quick kill, it will be his punching power, not his height-and-reach, that will

was robbed in both of his initial encounters with Watts and Monroe. And while it is quite true that Watts was the beneficiary of an outrageous decision, Monroe beat Hagler fair-and-square in their first meeting. In two subsequent rematches, Hagler creamed Willie inside the distance, leaving no doubt as to who was the better man.

A common knock on Hearns is that he has seldom looked good against full-fledged middleweights. Journeymen such as Ernie Singletary and Murray Sutherland both extended Tommy the full 10-round distance, and never looked in danger of



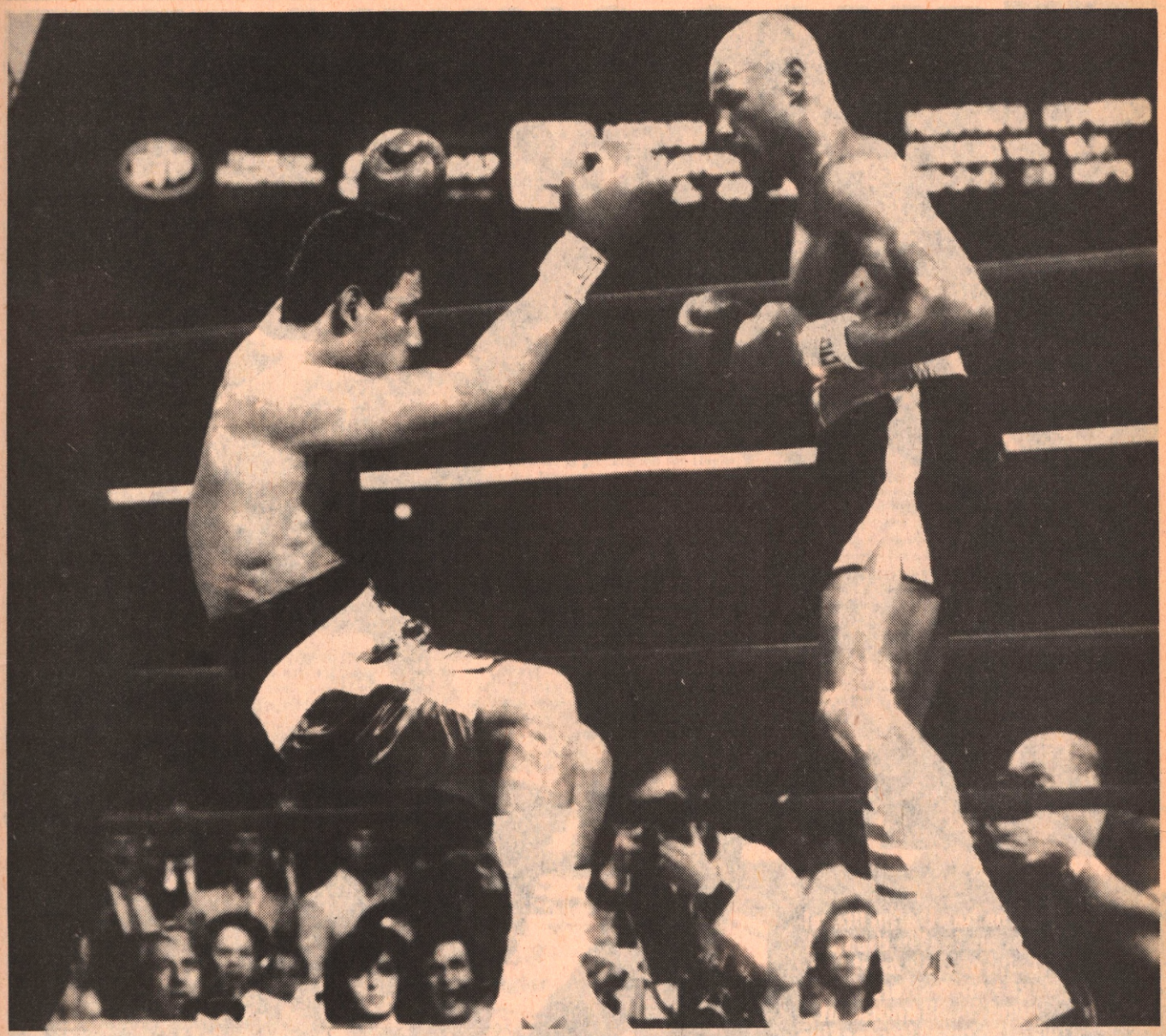
being knocked out. It is difficult to know exactly how much these performances mean. Both the Singletary and Sutherland fights took place following Tommy's TKO loss to Leonard, during a period in his career when Hearns was undergoing an identity crisis. Now that the "Hit Man" is back, those so-so outings might not indicate anything other than Hearns' state of mind at the time.

Although both warriors have suffered facial cuts in the past, neither is known as a bleeder, and it would be a surprise—as well as a pity—if the outcome of this match is decided on an injury. But Hagler would probably like to spend a lot of time on the inside, and if he is successful in getting Hearns to fight off the ropes, Marvin's shaven skull could come into play during the infighting.

Past performances, physical attributes, and all the statistics in the world will never tell the whole story of any fight. There are always plenty of intangibles that can't be measured in pounds, inches, or won-lost records. Things like heart, determination, and a fighter's mental outlook play a major role in all athletic competitions, especially boxing. Perhaps it would also be a good idea to look at the motivating factors that drive each man as he enters the most important fight of his career.

The 'Hit Man' tees off on Fred Hutchings in his last outing prior to meeting Hagler. Hearns was in top form, defending his WBC junior middleweight title with a third round TKO.

Despite the fact that Sugar Ray Leonard is twice retired, his magical aura seems to hover over both Hearns and Hagler like a teasing ghost, taunting them with the memory of his spectacular success. Hearns always wanted a second chance at Sugar Ray, hoping to reverse the only defeat of his professional career. Now that revenge is impossible, Tommy knows that the loss to Leonard will be all but forgotten if he



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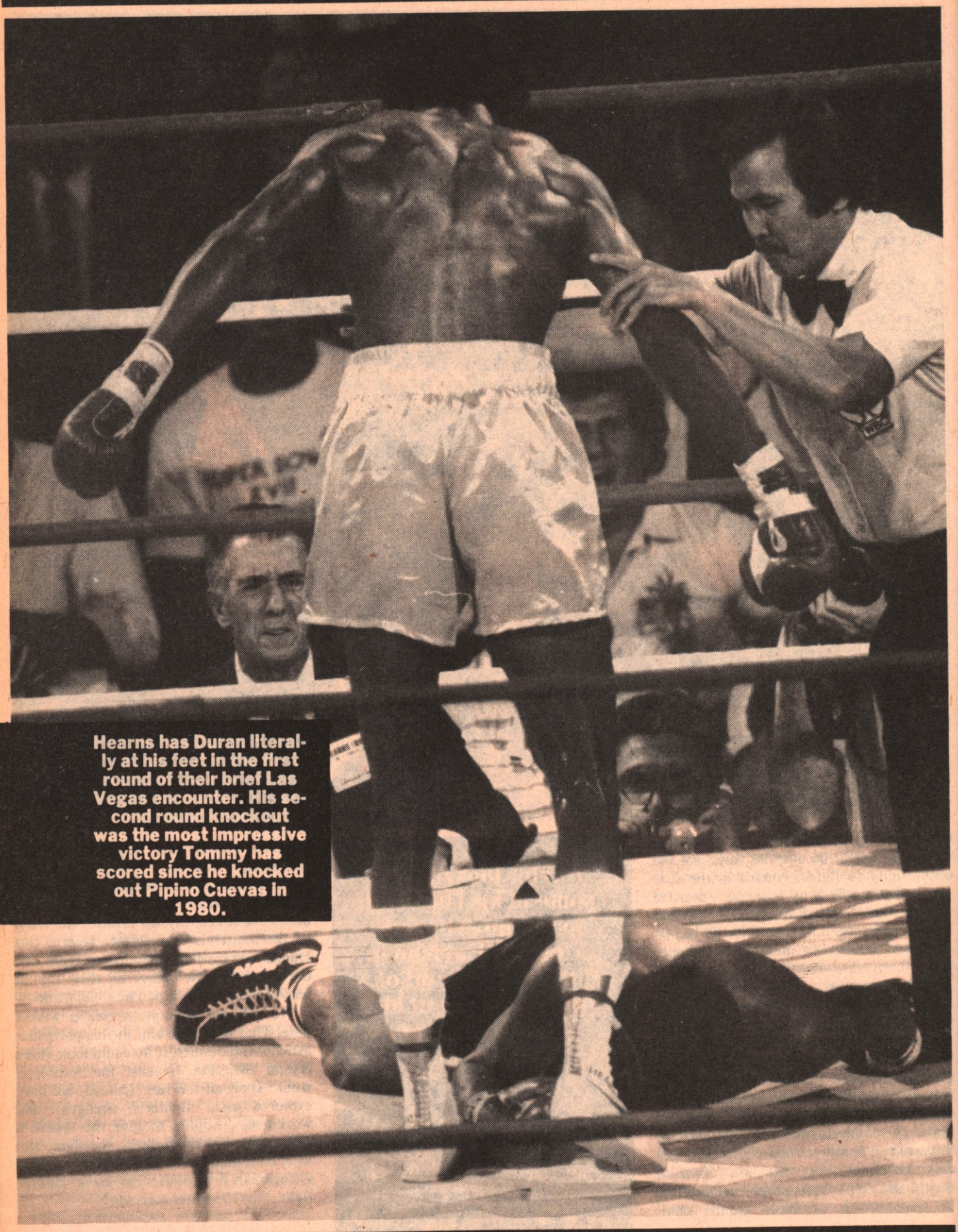
destroys Hagler. Hagler, of course, is equally resentful because he never got the opportunity to fight Leonard in the first place. Beating Tommy in a more decisive manner than Sugar Ray might finally get Marvin the recognition he feels he has so long been denied. In many ways, Hagler and Hearns are fighting for the "best pound-for-pound title" vacated by Leonard, as much as for the undisputed middleweight championship.

Taking one final look at the fight, it is best not to put too much emphasis on either man's last couple of fights. Sure, Hearns looked better against Duran than Hagler did, but you can't all together discount Marvin when he claims that he softened up Roberto for Tommy. Hagler's surprisingly easy knockout over Mustafa Hamsho should also be put in its proper perspective. In spite of his normally granite chin, Hamsho was an easy target for Hagler, possessing none of Hearns' evasive qualities. But let's not forget that Marvin is also an excellent defensive fighter, a fact often overlooked by his critics. The truth of the matter is that neither Hearns nor Hagler has ever fought anyone quite like the other before. This, as they say in television land, is a brand new ball game.

Hagler looked awesome in his last fight; stopping rugged Mustafa Hamsho in the third round of their title bout at Madison Square Garden.

We will not attempt to pick a winner here. That is not the aim of this particular article. And besides, if we could look into a crystal ball and forecast the future, it would spoil all the fun. Instead, we have explored each fighter's strengths and weaknesses, hoping to give the reader a clear picture of the fighters, the fight, and what each man has to do in order to emerge victorious. It promises to be a helluva fight. May the better man win. □



Hearns has Duran literally at his feet in the first round of their brief Las Vegas encounter. His second round knockout was the most impressive victory Tommy has scored since he knocked out Pipino Cuevas in 1980.

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TRAINING CAMP REPORT

The "Hit Man" Only Needs Four Weeks To Get Ready For Hagler

BY DAVE HARTOON

FOR WBC SUPER WELTERWEIGHT champion, Thomas (Hit Man) Hearns, serious training for his showdown with Marvelous Marvin Hagler didn't begin until mid-February, at the close of a 10-day multi-city swing across the country. Both Hearns and Hagler hit the road to hype their upcoming battle before settling into serious training. Prior to the publicity blitz, Hearns did little but take it easy and make a few television commercials.

The sleek and muscular Hearns stays naturally fit and only needs four to six weeks training to prepare for a major fight. His walking-around weight is normally between 168 and 170 pounds, and he can easily trim down to the 160-pound middleweight limit.

"One hundred and sixty pounds would be perfect," says Prentiss Byrd, Kronk's number-two man and Emanuel Steward's right arm. "But more than likely, Thomas will weigh around 157½ to 158½ at fight time."

At the start of training, Hearns only sparred three or four rounds a day, but as the fight drew near, he sometimes boxed a full 12 rounds in order to build up his endurance. Unlike some fighters, Hearns runs for time instead of distance. A brisk 45 minutes at a quick pace keeps him swift on his feet.

Getting used to the southpaw stance is something Hearns had to work on in preparation for Hagler. He has faced only one lefthander in his career, Saensak Muangsurin. That time, his left jab and solid rights handled the situation, as Thomas stopped Muangsurin inside of three rounds.

By the time Hearns is ready to get the show on the road, his left jab will be cracking the heavy bag, but he feels that it will be his thunderous right that will put the "Marvelous One" away. Normally, with the height and reach advantage Hearns enjoys, you would figure he would plan to box Hagler on the outside. But Hearns feels that if a shorter fighter like Roberto Duran could get inside on Hagler, a taller man like himself would have an even easier time reaching Hagler with his punches. The "Hit Man" is predicting a third round knockout, and that sure doesn't sound like a guy who plans to stick and move.

One thing the Kronk camp stressed is that they didn't want Thomas to start training too early. He trained six weeks for his losing bout with Sugar Ray Leonard and many insiders felt that he was overtrained. For both his matches with Wilfred Benitez and Duran, Hearns only trained for four weeks, but the results were excellent.

Hearns certainly had plenty of top-notch sparring in preparation for Hagler. Stories of the Kronk gym wars are well known, and when preparing for a big fight, there is nothing quite like working with his Kronk teammates to help whip the "Hit Man" into shape. Among the men available as sparmates were WBC welterweight champion Milton McCrory, NABF junior middleweight boss David Braxton, and USBA junior middleweight ruler Duane Thomas. All-in-all, a rather imposing lineup.

Hearns opened his training session in Miami and then moved to Las Vegas a couple of weeks before the fight. He continued to spar up until the week of the fight, gradually tapering down as fight time approached.

During training, Hearns appeared very confident. It was as if he had already sensed victory. A win would put him just one step away from his goal of being the first fighter to ever win championships in four different weight classes.

"The difference between Hagler and me is that Hagler has been doing a lot of dreaming about being the greatest," said Hearns. "I strive to be the greatest." □

TALE OF THE TAPE

Marvelous Marvin Hagler		Thomas Hearns
May 23, 1954	Birthdate	October 18, 1958
Newark, NJ	Birthplace	Memphis, TN
Brockton, MA	Hometown	Detroit, MI
30	Age	26
158*	Estimated Weight	156*
5'9½"	Height	6'1"
75"	Reach	78"
40"	Chest (normal)	39"
42"	Chest (expanded)	41"
15"	Biceps	15"
12"	Forearm	12"
30"	Waist	30"
22"	Thigh	20"
15"	Calf	13"
16"	Neck	15½"
7"	Wrist	8"
12"	Fist	11½"
9"	Ankle	8"

*Exact weight to be announced at Official Weigh-in

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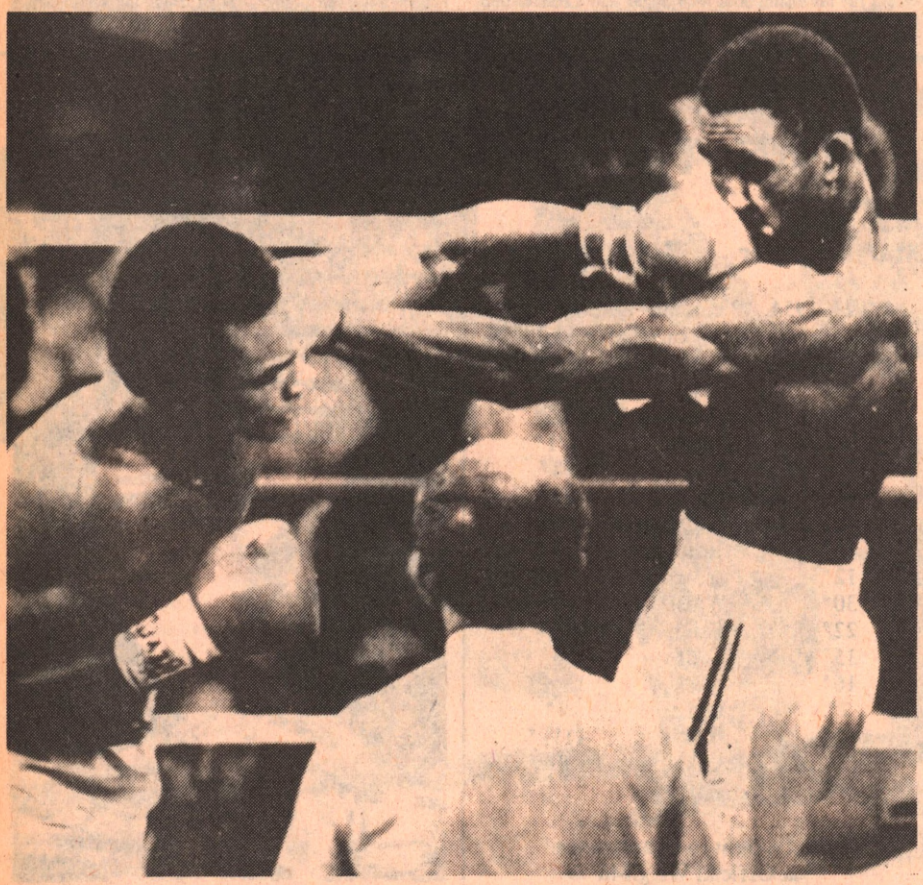
THE VALLEY OF THE DOLLAR$

LAS VEGAS BOOKMAKERS EXPECT A MINIMUM OF $10 MILLION TO BE WAGERED ON THE HAGLER-HEARNS SHOWDOWN

BY JACK WELSH

LAS VEGAS—THERE CAN BE NO MORE appropriate venue than Las Vegas for the pending classic when Marvelous Marvin Hagler and Thomas Hearns settle the world's undisputed middleweight championship. This desert oasis, long acknowledged as the Valley of the Dollars, is the only locale in North America where a boxing buff can legally give financial support to his opinion on who will emerge victorious April 15 in Caesars Palace's outdoor arena.



Sugar Ray Leonard (left) was even money when he stopped Thomas Hearns in 1981. It was one of the most lucrative betting fights in the history of Las Vegas.

From Las Vegas to Reno-Lake Tahoe, bookmakers have been accommodating their clientele since January on whether the 29-year-old Hagler, the methodical craftsman from Brockton, keeps the crown he's worn so proudly, or the 25-year-old Hearns, Detroit's legitimate Hit Man, adds laurels in a third division.

Like five super fistic extravaganzas before it, Hagler and Hearns spells high finance in and out of the ring. The heralded combatants will cut up a guaranteed purse of more than $10 million, and ironically, that's the minimum figure veteran gamers are projecting to be bet on an exercise of 12 rounds or less.

And Rossi Ralenkotter, director of tourism for the Las Vegas Convention Visitors Authority, anticipates an area economic uplift of at least $150 million, which would approach a similar figure generated here September 16, 1981 when Sugar Ray Leonard met Hearns at Caesars to unify the world welterweight crown.

Whether or not Hagler vs. Hearns will equal or surpass the record $12 million wagered on Leonard vs. Hearns remains speculative, but sports punters from the depth and breadth of this nation will pour into Vegas to give it a helluva shot.

When the first numbers were posted three months ago, Hagler, the champion who hasn't been defeated in nine years, opened as a —$1.70 favorite with Hearns, the World Boxing Council super welterweight ruler, at +$1.30.

For the uninitiated in the parlance of betting, such readings translate: the bettor who liked Hagler early had to lay $1.70 for every $1 he expected to win while admirers of Hearns could collect $1.30 for every $1 invested if the latter prevailed. However, the early action in Nevada sports books has been predominantly Hearns money, much at the $10,000 level, thrusting a revision of the line throughout the state, which at press time read: Hagler —$1.40, Hearns even money.

For a preview and analysis on the betting trend, *The Ring* drew on the considered opinions of Bob Martin, lauded by his peers the finest oddsmaker in boxing as the Union-Plaza hotel's resident wizard; Jack Franzie, Barbary Coast's respected pro, and Herbie "Hoops" Lambeck, one of the state's most versatile linemakers at Leroy's sports book downtown.

This astute triumvirate agree that unless there is a tremendous rush of Hearns money in the final 48 hours leading up to the mega-million dollar showdown, Hagler will step into the ring as the public's choice.

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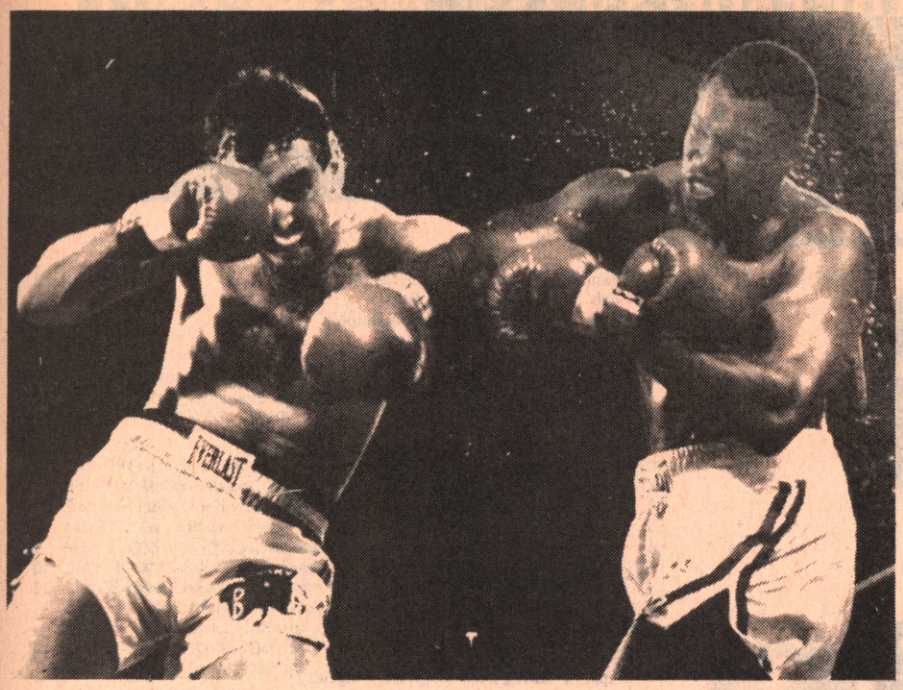


Upwards of $10 million was wagered on the Larry Holmes-Gerry Cooney fight. Larry opened the betting as an 11-5 choice, but at fight time the odds had closed to 9-5.

pionship bouts in Nevada's history, such a transition occurred only once—when Leonard and Hearns matched their hype in '81.

Leonard, everybody's darling, had prevailed as a —$1.20 favorite with Hearns at even money although some betting parlors carried the bout at 6-5 pick 'em. However, a contingent of Detroit high rollers jetted in on the eve of the fight with large five-figured plays and Hearns became the man at 6-5. Leonard was even money.

It was a mad trip home for the Motown fraternity as a crowd of 23,306 paid $4,865,150 to see Leonard's rally hand Hearns the only defeat of his career with a spectacular 14th round TKO.

There were 7,000 more seats available June 11, 1982 as 29,214 saw Larry Holmes retain his then World Boxing Council heavyweight championship with a 13th round TKO over Gerry Cooney.

This outdoor drama in Caesars' parking lot established an all-time record gate of $6,239,050. The total betting was an upward of $10 million, but did not surpass Leonard-Hearns as Holmes opened as an 11-5 choice and closed at 9-5. There was no report of $100,000 solo shots, but Caesars and the more aggressive neighboring operations were inundated with big action scaling between $20,000 and $50,000.

Another $10 million betting handle was fashioned in Nevada when Muhammad Ali tried to win his fourth title, challenging Holmes at Caesars Oct. 2, 1980 before 24,570 partisans whose interest created a $5,766,126 gate. The convention authority estimated the city's economic transfusion at $175 million.

There were plenty of sentimental bets (yes, at $50,000) for Ali, but most of the "wise guy" (smart money) bets maintained Holmes as an 8-5 favorite throughout. Muhammad's one-time sparring partner proved his point emphatically, winning on a TKO when a weary Ali could not answer the bell for the 11th round.

Martin, who has always contended Holmes should have been a 4-1 shot over Ali, feels Hagler-Hearns may threaten the Leonard-Hearns total volume, but isn't certain about a new record.

"A lot of high rollers who like Hearns have already bet, but there's always a possibility there will be a late surge of Detroit and eastern money on the day of the fight like it was for the Leonard fight," Martin advises. "There will be plenty of $20,000-$30,000 bets on both sides, but I don't think anything will exceed $50,000 because that will be the limit in the big casinos.

Martin, who strongly protests all world title bouts should be 15 rounds, opposes 12 rounds which the WBC insisted on when they did not strip Hagler of half the title.

"The distance definitely takes away from Hagler, who is sometimes a slow starter, and it helps Hearns," the veteran handicapper said. "The only thing the gamblers haven't mentioned is that Hagler can switch from left to right handed, and that just might confuse Hearns."

Franzie isn't quite sure Hagler-Hearns will exceed the $1.8 million the Barbary Coast booked on Leonard-Hearns.

"This one will be very, very big, but I'm not ready to guarantee a new record," Franzie informed. "They're betting $10,000 a pop already, and the play will go to $20,000-$30,000 as the fight nears. It depends on our ledger, but the Barbary might take $50,000 under certain conditions. Hearns' sensational knockout of Roberto Duran will be compared with Duran going the distance with Hagler. It will definitely be a factor in the betting."

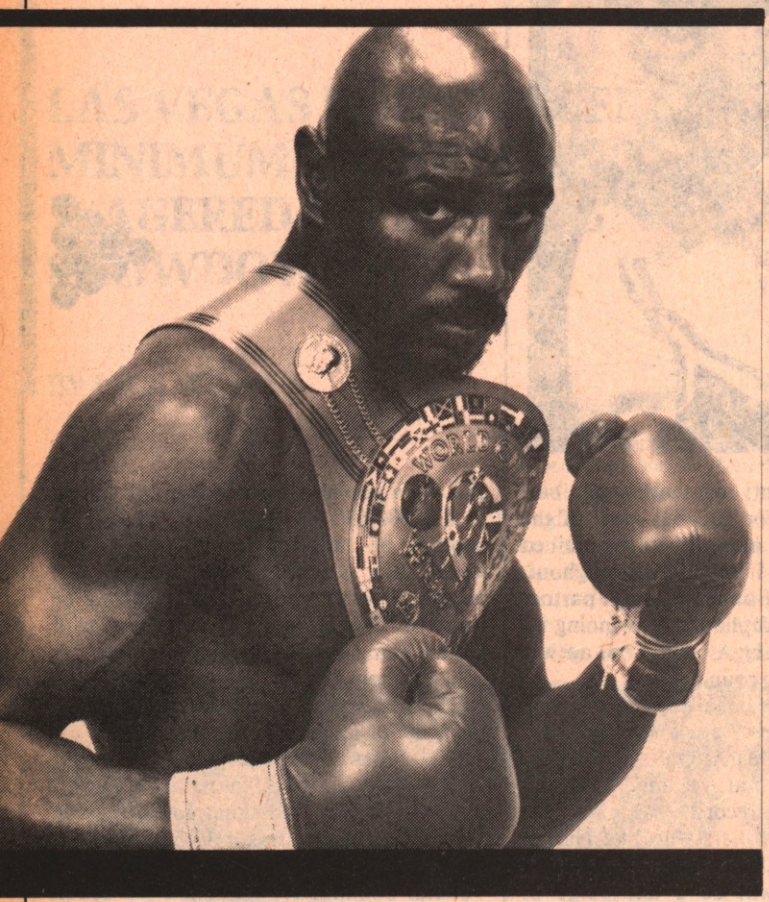
Duran's mystique still prevailed when the pride of Panama challenged Hagler for the 160-pound diadem at Caesars Nov. 10, 1983. A crowd of 13,999 paid $3,703,800 to see the bald-pated champion prevail in 15 rounds. Hagler was a 13-5 choice and rose to 14½-5 just before the first bell. Veteran bookmakers estimated the action in an upward of $7 million.

The fifth most lucrative bout ever came last June 15 at Caesars when Hearns' devastating right in the second round rendered Duran unconscious for the first time in his storied career. Hearns was a solid 12-5 favorite and this time there was no serious sentimental action for the former triple champion. Betting volume was projected slightly over $5 million.

"The Panamanians seemed to have a knack of betting Duran only when he won," Martin recalled. "They bet him the first Leonard fight, but not the second. They didn't bet him when (Wilfred) Benitez beat him in Vegas, but they bet him when he beat Davey Moore. They sure didn't bet Roberto when he fought Hearns.

"I remember there was a dapper Latin gent who came into Caesars on the day of the fight. He asked if he could get down to win $25,000. They thought the guy meant Duran. Boy, were they shocked when he peeled off $75,000 to lay it on Hearns." □

THE PROFESSIONAL RING RECORD OF MARVELOUS MARVIN HAGLER



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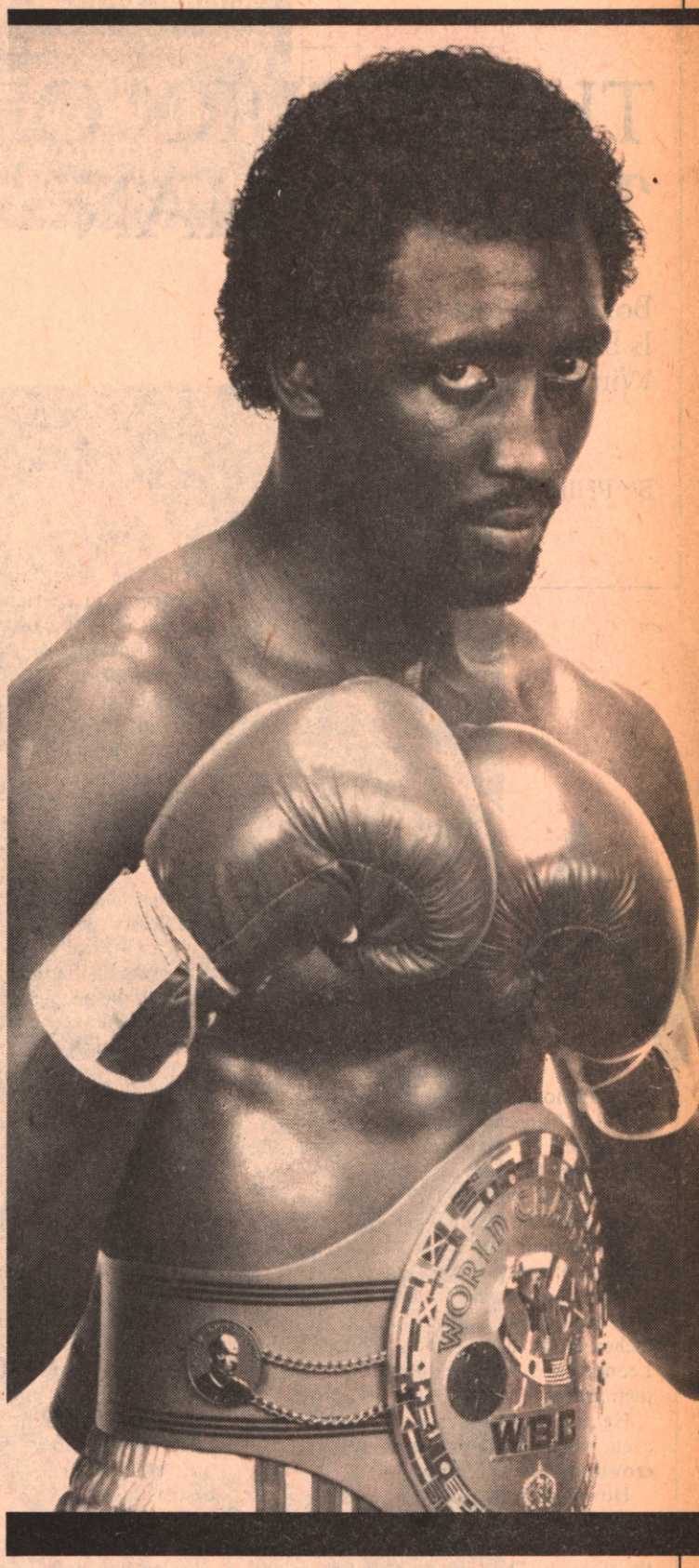
1973			
May 18	Terry Ryan, Brockton	KO	2
July 25	Sonny Williams, Boston	W	6
Aug. 8	Muhammed Smith, Boston	KO	2
Oct. 6	Don Wigfall, Brockton	W	8
Oct. 26	Cove Green, Brockton	KO	4
Nov. 18	Cocoa Kid, Brockton	KO	2
Dec. 7	Manny Freitas, Portland, ME	KO	1
Dec. 18	James Redford, Boston	KO	4
1974			
Feb. 5	Bob Harrington, Boston	KO	5
Apr. 5	Tracy Morrison, Boston	KO	8
May 14	James Redford, Brockton	KO	2
May 30	Curtis Phillips, Portland, ME	KO	5
July 16	Robert Williams, Boston	KO	3
Aug. 13	Peachy Davis, New Bedford	KO	1
Aug. 30	Ray Seales, Boston	W	10
Oct. 29	Morris Jordan, New Bedford	KO	4
Nov. 16	George Green, Brockton	KO	1
Nov. 26	Ray Seales, Seattle	D	10
Dec. 20	D.C. Walker, Boston	KO	2
1975			
Feb. 15	Don Wigfall, Brockton	KO	5
Mar. 31	Joey Blair, Boston	KO	2
Apr. 14	Jimmy Owens, Boston	W	10
May 24	Jimmy Owens, Brockton	W dis.	6
Aug. 7	Jesse Bender, Portland, ME	KO	1
Sep. 30	Lamont Lovelandy, Boston	KO	7
Dec. 20	Johnny Baldwin, Boston	W	10
1976			
Jan. 13	Bobby Watts, Philadelphia	L	10
Feb. 7	Matt Donovan, Boston	KO	2
Mar. 9	Willie Monroe, Philadelphia	L	10
Jun. 2	Bob Smith, Taunton	KO	5
Aug. 3	D.C. Walker, Providence	KO	6
Sep. 14	Eugene Hart, Philadelphia	KO	8
Dec. 21	George Davis, Boston	KO	6
1977			
Feb. 15	Willie Monroe, Boston	KO	12
Mar. 16	Reginald Ford, Boston	KO	3
Jun. 10	Roy Jones, Hartford	KO	3
Aug. 23	Willie Monroe, Philadelphia	KO	2
Sep. 24	Ray Phillips, Boston	KO	7
Oct. 15	Jim Henry, Providence	W	10
Nov. 26	Mike Colbert, Boston	KO	12
1978			
Mar. 4	Kevin Finnegan, Boston	KO	9
Apr. 7	Doug Demmings, Los Angeles	KO	8
May 13	Keven Finnegan, Boston	KO	7
Aug. 24	Bennie Briscoe, Philadelphia	W	10
Nov. 11	Willie Warren, Boston	KO	7
1979			
Feb. 2	Ray Seales, Boston	KO	1
Mar. 12	Bob Patterson, Providence	KO	3
May 25	Jamie Thomas, Portland, ME	KO	3
Jun. 30	Noberto Cabrera, Monte Carlo	KO	8
Nov. 30	Vito Antuofermo, Las Vegas (world middleweight title)	D	15
1980			
Feb. 16	Loucif Hamani, Portland, ME	KO	2
Apr. 20	Bobby Watts, Portland, ME	KO	2
May 17	Marcos Geraldo, Las Vegas	W	10
Sep. 27	Alan Minter, London (Won world middleweight title)	KO	3
1981			
Jan. 17	Fulgencio Obelmejias, Boston (Retained middleweight title)	KO	8
Jun. 13	Vito Antuofermo, Boston (Retained middleweight title)	KO	5
Oct. 3	Mustafa Hamsho, Rosemont, IL (Retained middleweight title)	KO	11
1982			
Mar. 7	Caveman Lee, Atlantic City (Retained middleweight title)	KO	1
Oct. 31	Fulgencio Obelmejias, San Remo (Retained middleweight title)	KO	5
1983			
Feb. 11	Tony Sibson, Worcester (Retained middleweight title)	KO	6
May 27	Wilford Scypion, Providence (Retained middleweight title)	KO	4
Nov. 10	Roberto Duran, Las Vegas (Retained middleweight title)	W	15
1984			
Mar. 30	Juan Roldan, Las Vegas (Retained middleweight title)	KO	10
Oct. 19	Mustafa Hamsho, New York (Retained middleweight title)	KO	3

SUMMARY

Total Bouts	Wins	Losses	Draws	KOs
64	60	2	2	50

THE PROFESSIONAL RING RECORD OF THOMAS HEARNS



1977				
Nov. 25	Jerome Hill, Detroit	KO		2
Dec. 7	Jerry Strickland, Mt. Clements	KO		3
Dec. 16	Willie Wren, Detroit	KO		3
1978				
Jan. 29	Anthony House, Detroit	KO		2
Feb. 10	Robert Adams, Detroit	KO		3
Feb. 17	Billy Goodwin, Detroit	KO		2
Mar. 17	Ray Fields, Detroit	KO		2
Mar. 31	Tyrone Phelps, Saginaw	KO		3
Jun. 8	Jimmy Rothwell, Detroit	KO		1
Jul. 20	Raul Aguirre, Detroit	KO		2
Aug. 3	Eddie Marcelle, Detroit	KO		2
Sep. 7	Bruce Finch, Milwaukee	KO		3
Oct. 26	Pedro Rojas, Detroit	KO		1
Dec. 9	Rudy Barro, Detroit	KO		4
1979				
Jan. 11	Clyde Gray, Detroit	KO		10
Jan. 31	Sammy Ruckard, Saginaw	KO		9
Mar. 3	Segundo Murillo, Detroit	KO		8
Apr. 3	Alfonso Hayman, Philadelphia	W		10
May 20	Harold Weston, Las Vegas	KO		6
Jun. 28	Bruce Curry, Detroit	KO		3
Aug. 23	Mao DeLaRosa, Detroit	KO		3
Sep. 22	Jose Figueroa, Los Angeles	KO		3
Oct. 18	Saensak Muangsurin, Detroit	KO		3
Nov. 30	Mike Colbert, New Orleans	W		10
1980				
Feb. 3	Jim Richards, Las Vegas	KO		3
Mar. 2	Angel Espada, Detroit	KO		4
Mar. 31	Santiago Valdez, Las Vegas	KO		1
May 3	Eddie Gazo, Detroit	KO		1
Aug. 2	Pipino Cuevas, Detroit (Won WBA welterweight title)	KO		2
Dec. 6	Luis Primera, Detroit (Retained WBA title)	KO		6
1981				
Apr. 25	Randy Shields, Phoenix (Retained WBA title)	KO		13
Jun. 25	Pablo Baez, Houston (Retained WBA title)	KO		4
Sep. 16	Ray Leonard, Las Vegas (For World Welterweight Title)	KO	by	14
Dec. 11	Ernie Singletary, Nassau, Bahamas	W		10
1982				
Feb. 27	Marcos Geraldo, Las Vegas	KO		1
Jul. 25	Jeff McCracken, Detroit	KO		8
Dec. 3	Wilfred Benitez, New Orleans (Won WBC super welterweight title)	KO		15
1983				
Jul. 10	Murray Sutherland, Atlantic City	W		10
1984				
Feb. 11	Luigi Minchillo, Detroit (Retained WBC title)	W		12
Jun. 15	Roberto Duran, Las Vegas (Retained WBC title)	KO		2
Sept. 15	Fred Hutchings, Saginaw (Retained WBC title)	KO		3

SUMMARY

Total Bouts	Wins	Losses	Draws	KOs
41	40	1	0	34

THE RETURN OF THE 'MACHO MAN'

Boxing's Most Exciting Star Is Back And Ready To Win His Second Title

BY PHILL MARDER

WALK INTO A BAR some night and start telling everyone how macho you are. See how long it takes to get your face punched in.

Not Hector Camacho.

Camacho has billed himself as "The Macho Man" since the beginning of his sparkling career. He comes into the ring wearing full-length fur coats, leopard-skin robes, leopard-skin boxing shorts, leopard-skin shoes. Half the national television audience is dialing their local cable companies complaining of spotty reception.

Camacho then proceeds to turn the ring into Studio 54, discoing about, at times inches from his opponent's nose. Benny Leonard and Joe Gans would roll over in their graves.

He never gets his face punched in—not even when the bell rings. Instead, the crowd roars its approval.

How does he do it?

"I back it up," Camacho explained, simply. "People seem to like it. They like the flourish. They like me to come out and act like a clown. But, I back it up."

That he does. Just 22, Camacho is undefeated in 25 fights, 15 by knockout, and has already won and relinquished the World Boxing Council junior lightweight championship. Even those who would like to see him get knocked on his ass are forced to admit he's one helluva fighter—perhaps the best, pound-for-pound, in the world today.

The ever-present smile, the boyish charm, the handsome face all play a part in the image. But the facade would shatter quickly if not for that tremendous talent. Hector Camacho is not just another pretty face, he's a fighter.

"That's really me," Camacho said, discussing his flamboyance. "I like to have fun with the people around me. I'm always like this. I'll never change. I'm a tiger. You can tame a tiger sometimes, sometimes you can't. I'm wild when I want to be."

He's just what boxing needs—a wild and crazy fighter, or, as Angelo Dundee said, "You can't compare him with anyone. He's an original."

Just how wild and crazy Camacho is depends on who you listen to. After surrendering his WBC junior lightweight belt to campaign as a full-fledged lightweight, Camacho disappeared. He fought just once in eight months, stopping Rafael Williams, before putting his career back into high gear with a fifth-round stoppage of Louie Burke in January. Managerial squabbles with Billy Giles led to street talk—"Camacho is on drugs, Camacho is out of control, Camacho is self-destructing."

Camacho was hurt.

"It came to a point when I started outclassing him as a person," said Camacho of Giles. "I was growing up to be a great fighter and things were happening too quick. I started making big money and I trusted him with everything. Billy squandered some of the money. He didn't fulfill his commitment as a manager. I felt if I was loyal as a fighter, why couldn't he be loyal as a manager."

Unhappy with the way his finances were being handled, Camacho split.

"After that, to make me seem like a crazy guy who didn't know what he was doing, he went around bad-mouthing me, saying 'Camacho's taking drugs. He doesn't know what he's doing.'

"He destroyed the business part of it, but then he went out and destroyed the friendship part of it, which really hurt. I was very weak, but it made me strong."

The talk got to Camacho. It bothered him deeply. After the Burke fight, he broke down crying on national television. It was a strange sight, "The Macho Man" in tears.

"Everybody was bad-mouthing me," he said. "Everybody was expecting me to look bad. You don't prove yourself while you're winning. You prove yourself when the odds are against you. I proved to myself I could still perform."

Jimmy Montoya, currently handling Camacho's affairs, added, "He was so happy with his performance, his emotions came through. He gives himself to the audience, and whatever hurt him inside just came out."

Montoya has been with Camacho two years. Technically, Giles, a personal friend of Montoya's, is Hector's manager. Realistically, Montoya is Camacho's manager, trainer, confidant, companion.

"I've never seen Hector do anything," Montoya said, commenting on the drug accusations. "If he did something before I knew him, I don't know about it. The kid has demonstrated 100 percent honesty."

Camacho moved from New York City's Spanish Harlem to Bell, California partly to be with Montoya and partly to escape the old neighborhood, which Camacho outgrew. But his plans included a trip back

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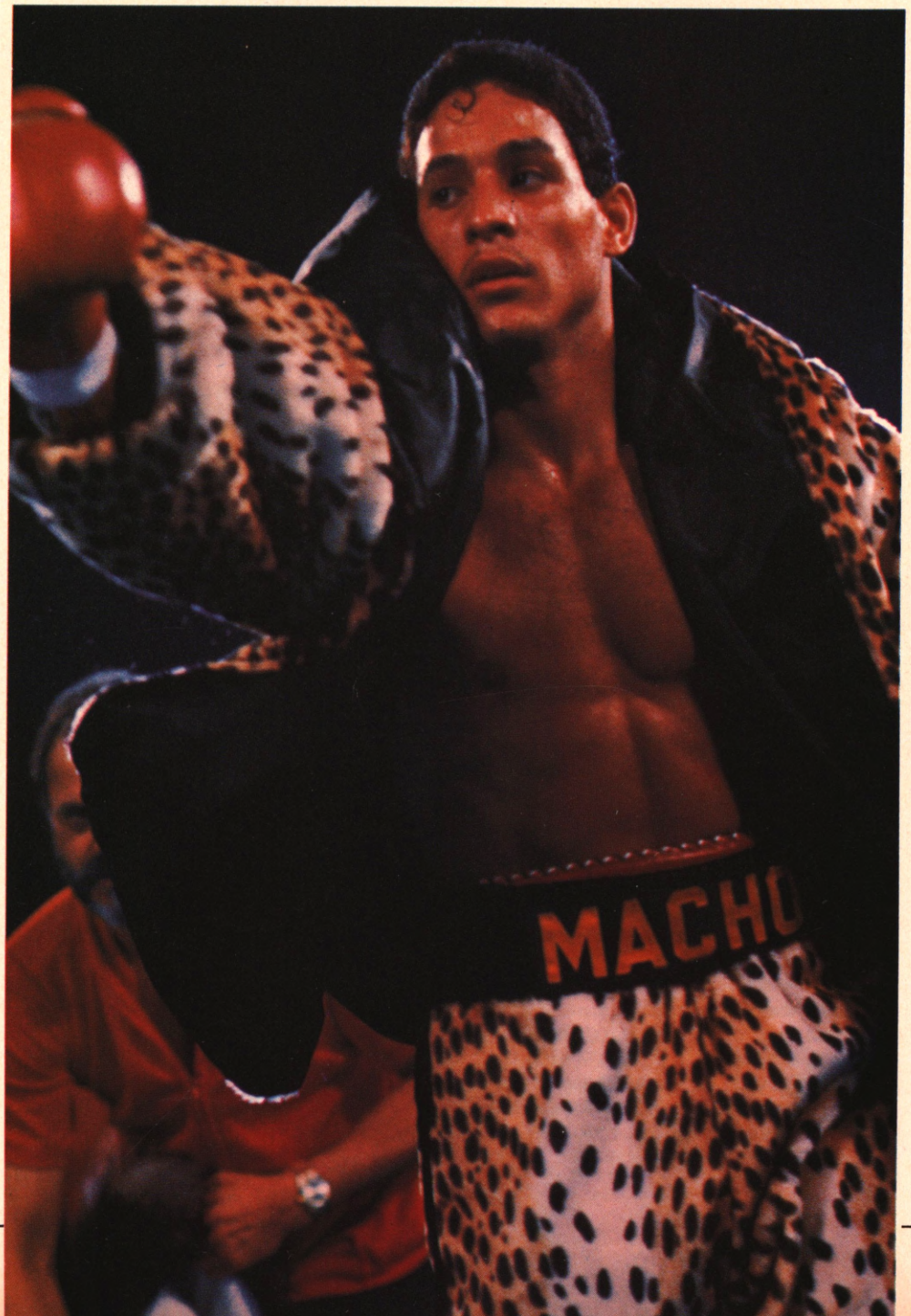
"I'm always like this. I never change. I'm a tiger. You can tame a tiger sometimes, sometimes you can't. I'm wild when I want to be."

—Hector Camacho



The RING

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(No Weight Limit)

WORLD CHAMPION

LARRY HOLMES ☆ . . . . . Easton, Pa.

1. **Pinklon Thomas**** . . . . . Wyncotte, Pa.
2. **Greg Page*** . . . . . Louisville, Ky.
3. **David Bey** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
4. **Tim Witherspoon** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
5. **Gerrie Coetzee** . . . . . South Africa
6. **Mike Weaver** . . . . . Diamond Bar, Calif.
7. **Michael Dokes** . . . . . Akron, Ohio
8. **James Broad** . . . . . Wildwood, N.J.
9. **James Smith** . . . . . Magnolia, N.C.
10. **Gerry Cooney** . . . . . Huntington, N.Y.

11. Carl Williams 12. Tony Tubbs 13. Tony Tucker 14. Trevor Berbick 15. Marvis Frazier 16. John Tate 17. Frank Bruno 18. Eddie Gregg 19. Jeff Sims 20. Mitchell Green.

CRUISERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 195 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS (SUGAR) DE LEON** . . . . . Puerto Rico

1. **Piet Crous*** . . . . . South Africa
2. **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad** . . . . . Brooklyn, N.Y.
3. **Osvaldo Ocasio** . . . . . Puerto Rico
4. **Anthony Davis** . . . . . Las Vegas, Nev.
5. **Lee Roy Murphy** ☆ . . . . . Chicago, Ill.
6. **John Odhiambo** . . . . . Uganda
7. **Alfonso Ratliff** . . . . . Chicago, Ill.
8. **Henry Hearns** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
9. **Rickey Parkey** . . . . . Atlantic City, N.J.
10. **Bernard Benton** . . . . . Las Vegas, Nev.

11. Chisanda Mutti 12. Marvin Camel 13. Bashiru Ali 14. David Pearce 15. Randy Stephens.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 175 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL SPINKS* ** ☆ . . . . . St. Louis, Mo.

1. **Dwight Muhammad Qawi** . . . . . Camden, N.J.
2. **Eddie Davis** . . . . . Freeport, N.Y.
3. **Marvin Johnson** . . . . . Indianapolis, Ind.
4. **Willie Edwards** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
5. **Prince Mama Mohammad** . . . . . Ghana
6. **David Sears** . . . . . Queens, N.Y.
7. **Oscar Rivadeneyra** . . . . . Vineland, N.J.
8. **Pete McIntyre** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
9. **Jean-Marie Emebe** . . . . . Cameroon
10. **Tim Broady** . . . . . Jersey City, N.J.

11. Fulgencio Obelmejios 12. Alex Blanchard 13. Lotte Mwale 14. J.B. Williamson.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 160 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

MARVIN HAGLER** ☆ . . . . . Brockton, Mass.

1. **Thomas Hearns** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
2. **John Mugabi** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
3. **James Shuler** . . . . . Uganda
4. **James Kinchen** . . . . . San Diego, Calif.
5. **Don Lee** . . . . . Gary, Ind.
6. **Mustafa Hamsho** . . . . . Syria
7. **Tony Sibson** . . . . . England
8. **Dwight Davison** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
9. **Alex Ramos** . . . . . Bronx, N.Y.
10. **Curtis Parker** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.

11. Herol Graham 12. Doug DeWitt 13. Chong-Pal Park 14. Murray Sutherland 15. John Collins 16. Mark Holmes 17. Frank Fletcher 18. Robert Pew.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 154 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

THOMAS HEARNS** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.

1. **Mike McCallum*** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
2. **John Mugabi** . . . . . Uganda
3. **Carlos Santos** ☆ . . . . . Puerto Rico
4. **Davey Moore** . . . . . Bronx, N.Y.
5. **Mark Medal** . . . . . Jersey City, N.J.
6. **David Braxton** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
7. **Buster Drayton** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
8. **Julian Jackson** . . . . . Stockton, Calif.
9. **Fred Hutchings** . . . . . Virgin Islands
10. **James Green** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.

11. Earl Hargrove 12. Francisco DeJesus 13. Wilfred Benitez 14. Darnell Knox 15. Willie Harris.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 147 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

TITLE VACANT

1. **Donald Curry*** ☆ . . . . . Ft. Worth, Texas
2. **Milton McCrory**** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
3. **Tommy Ayers** . . . . . Wales
4. **Colin Jones** . . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio
5. **Simon Brown** . . . . . Washington, D.C.
6. **Maurice Blocker** . . . . . Washington, D.C.
7. **Nino LaRocca** . . . . . Italy
8. **Pedro Vilella** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
9. **Marlon Starling** . . . . . Hartford, Conn.
10. **Carlos Trujillo** . . . . . Panama

11. Johnny Bumphus 12. Roger Stafford 13. Horace Shufford 14. Elio Diaz 15. Pablo Baez 16. Jun-Sok Hwang.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 140 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

TITLE VACANT

1. **Aaron Pryor** ☆ . . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio
2. **Bill Costello**** . . . . . Kingston, N.Y.
3. **Gene Hatcher*** . . . . . Ft. Worth, Texas
4. **Ronnie Shields** . . . . . Port Arthur, Texas
5. **Leroy Haley** . . . . . Las Vegas, Nev.
6. **Saoul Mamby** . . . . . Bronx, N.Y.
7. **Rene Arredondo** . . . . . Mexico
8. **Gary Hinton** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
9. **Patrizio Oliva** . . . . . Italy
10. **Clinton McKenzie** . . . . . England

11. Ubaldo Sacco 12. Hugo Hernandez 13. Billy Famous 14. Hideka Akai 15. Joe Louis Manley 16. Sang-Ho Lee 17. Lorenzo Garcia 18. Reyes Cruz.

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Ratings as of February 15, 1985

* WBA CHAMPION
** WBC CHAMPION
*** WBA AND WBC CHAMPION
☆ IBF CHAMPION

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 135 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

TITLE VACANT

1. **Livingstone Bramble*** . . . . . Passaic, N.J.
2. **Jose Luis Ramirez**** . . . . . Mexico
3. **Tyrone Crawley** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
4. **Harry Arroyo** ☆ . . . . . Youngstown, Ohio
5. **Edwin Rosario** . . . . . Puerto Rico
6. **Ray Mancini** . . . . . Youngstown, Ohio
7. **Howard Davis, Jr.** . . . . . Glen Cove, N.Y.
8. **Hector Camacho** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
9. **Jimmy Paul** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
10. **Terrence Alli** . . . . . New York, N.Y.

11. Robin Blake 12. Cornelius Boza-Edwards 13. Darryl Tyson 14. Nick Furlano 15. Orlando Romero 16. Charlie (White Lightning) Brown 17. Frankie Randall.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 130 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

ROCKY LOCKRIDGE* . . . . . Maple Shade, N.J.

1. **Julio Cesar Chavez**** . . . . . Mexico
2. **Roger Mayweather** . . . . . Las Vegas, Nev.
3. **Mario Martinez** . . . . . Mexico
4. **Julian Solis** . . . . . Puerto Rico
5. **Bobby Chacon** . . . . . Oroville, Calif.
6. **Edgar Castro** . . . . . Venezuela
7. **Kenny Baysmore** . . . . . Washington, D.C.
8. **Pat Cowdell** . . . . . England
9. **Jean Marc Renard** . . . . . Belgium
10. **Dennis Cruz** . . . . . New York, N.Y.

11. Alfredo Layne 12. Refugio Rojas 13. Kamel Bou Ali 14. Yonekura Ikhoni 15. Yoshimitsu Azato 16. Tae-Jin Moon.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

EUSEBIO PEDROZA* . . . . . Panama

1. **Azumah Nelson**** . . . . . Ghana
2. **Wilfredo Gomez** . . . . . Puerto Rico
3. **Juan LaPorte** . . . . . Puerto Rico
4. **Barry McGuigan** . . . . . Ireland
5. **Marcos Villasana** . . . . . Mexico
6. **Johnny de la Rosa** . . . . . Miami, Fla.
7. **Jackie Beard** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
8. **Bernard Taylor** . . . . . Knoxville, Tenn.
9. **Ruben Castillo** . . . . . Bakersfield, Calif.
10. **Richard Savage** . . . . . W. Monroe, La.

11. Irving Mitchell, 12. Jorge Lujan, 13. Sergio Zambrano, 14. Ramon Sosa, 15. Lupe Suarez, 16. Oscar Bejines, 17. Tyrone Jackson, 18. Dana Roston

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

TITLE VACANT

1. **Victor Callejas*** . . . . . Puerto Rico
2. **Juan (Kid) Meza**** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
3. **Jaime Garza** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
4. **Mike Ayala** . . . . . San Antonio, Texas
5. **Loris Stecca** . . . . . Italy
6. **Oscar Muniz** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
7. **Raul Gonzalez** . . . . . Venezuela
8. **Julian Solis** . . . . . Puerto Rico
9. **Leo Cruz** . . . . . Dominican Republic
10. **Bernardo Checa** . . . . . Panama

11. Felepe Orozco, 12. Seung-Hoon Lee, 13. Ramon Dominguez, 14. Pongpan Sorphayathai, 15. Ji-Won Kim, 16. Tommy Valoy, 17. Jesus Flores

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

RICHARD SANDOVAL* . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.

1. **Albert Davila**** . . . . . Pomona, Calif.
2. **Jiro Watanabe** . . . . . Japan
3. **Gaby Canizales** . . . . . Laredo, Texas
4. **Rafael Orono** . . . . . Venezuela
5. **Freddy Jackson** . . . . . Houston, Texas
6. **Kaosai Galaxy** . . . . . Thailand
7. **Greg Richardson** . . . . . Youngstown, Ohio
8. **Jerome Coffee** . . . . . Nashville, Tenn.
9. **Miguel Lora** . . . . . Colombia
10. **James Pipps** . . . . . Vidor, Texas

11. Harold Petty, 12. Enrique Sanchez, 13. Cardenio Ulloa, 14. Jorge Ramirez, 15. Chan-Young Park.

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

SOT CHITALADA** . . . . . Thailand

1. **Santos Laciar*** . . . . . Argentina
2. **Jung-Koo Chang** . . . . . Korea
3. **Sugar Baby Rojas** . . . . . Miami, Fla.
4. **Gabriel Bernal** . . . . . Mexico
5. **Francisco Quiroz** . . . . . Dominican Republic
6. **Alonzo Gonzalez** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
7. **Candido Tellez** . . . . . Mexico
8. **Hilario Zapata** . . . . . Panama
9. **Freddie Castillo** . . . . . Mexico
10. **Joey Olivo** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.

11. Koji Kobayashi, 12. Juan Herrera, 13. Prudencio Cardona, 14. German Torres, 15. Charlie Magri, 16. Katsuo Tokashiki, 17. Reinaldo Becerra, 18. Francisco Montiel, 19. Enrique Aguilar, 20. Jose DeJesus.

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to his home city to do a commercial for Coke. That's the liquid variety, not the powder.

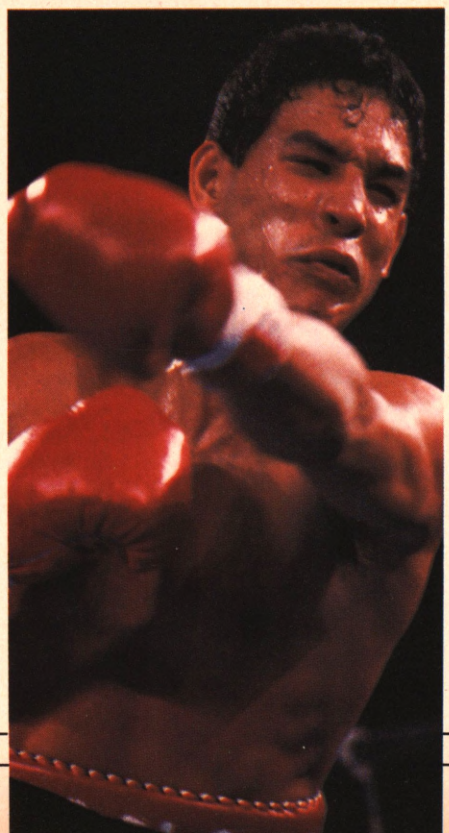
"I'm glad because I really love Coke, and the kids go for me; they're crazy for me. Right now, I'm truly a superstar in my field. Everywhere I go, people know me. Boxing needs a guy like me."

But the old neighborhood?

"It's not that the people there turned against me," said Camacho. "They just don't know how to act toward me. They see me getting all this attention, becoming a big attraction, making a lot of money and they think 'Who the hell does he think he is?' They don't like the idea of me being a success.

"But they know I'm bad and I know I'm bad, and they respect me and that's all I ask for is respect. My image is me—respecting people. I don't like to give people anything bad to talk about. I'm all about just being for real. Just act like a man so I can treat you like one."

At times, Montoya looks at Camacho and feels he's looking into a mirror.



"He and I have a lot of things alike," said Montoya. "We don't take shit from anybody. I'm a mean sonofabitch myself. Hectors' the same way. When he gets hit, he makes you know he's there. I love him, he's such a nice kid. But he won't take no shit from nobody."

Thus far, at least inside the ropes Camacho has taken very little abuse. His speed of hand and foot is without peer. His power is deceptive. His heart cannot be questioned. He is not a boxer. He is a fighter. Watch his fights closely. When hit, Camacho comes back firing.

"All my fights have been tough, but not the kind of fights I get banged around in," said Camacho. "The better you are, the better it's going to come out of me because I don't want to get hit. Mancini would make me look good because of his style. He'll keep pressing me and he'll get busted up more."

The February issue of *The Ring* rated the lightweights, arguably the most talent-laden division in boxing. Livingstone

Bramble holds the World Boxing Association championship. Jose Luis Ramirez is the WBC king, Harry Arroyo the International Boxing Federation champ. Edwin Rosario and Ray Mancini are former champions, and Cornelius Boza-Edwards held the WBC junior lightweight crown. Tyrone Crawley and Howard Davis are right on their heels, and the worst that can be said of Terrence Alli, Robin Blake, Nick Furlano, Jimmy Paul, Melvin Paul and Darryll Tyson is that they are legitimate contenders.

Still, when *The Ring*'s panel examined the group, rating each in 10 categories, Camacho emerged on top.

In just one category, determination, did Camacho lag behind the field.

"At that time, it might have been right because he wasn't fighting," said Montoya. "But now, he'll beat anybody in that category. He's a workaholic. I have to give him days off to get him out of the gym, and he doesn't like it. He and Kid Meza are the hardest working kids I've ever had in my life."

Camacho sounded determined enough following his stoppage of Burke, saying, "I want to win three championships. I'm going to win three championships, one way or another. When you don't fight, people forget you very easily. But all those guys, I'm here, come on down my way. I'm the baddest thing in boxing, pound-for-pound."

Camacho's next lowest rating came in the category of experience, but Hector pointed out, "I've learned a lot in the short time I've been a professional. I've accomplished more in three years than half the guys in boxing accomplish in their whole careers. I've already won a championship, giving it up and I've fought nine times on TV."

Camacho fell into the middle of the pack in durability, power, cut resistance and stamina. For the record, he has never been cut. As far as power is concerned, Burke vouched for his record, saying, "He punches real hard." Stamina and durability, Camacho has had to exhibit in small portions. He rarely gets hit, and he has been forced to go 12 rounds just once.

"I'm a very strong kid," said Camacho. "I've got good power. I've been boxing in the gym with welterweights and I've been electrocuting them. I have trouble getting sparring partners."

As far as stamina and durability are concerned, Camacho said, "If you're in condition mentally and physically, 100 percent, you should be able to go 20-25 rounds. I can go 12 or 15 if I have to."

Camacho has so much energy, he give Montoya fits.

"He likes to start two hours before the fight dancing in the dressing room," said the trainer. "He leaves a lot of energy there. I'd like to get him to unleash that energy in the ring. But you or I could dance for one or two hours and get tired. He can dance all night long. You watch his fight. After the fifth round, he'll be exploding like 100 miles an hour.

"And they're wrong about his power. They're judging him at 130 pounds, not 135. The body he has now is a body he developed three months ago. He made a statement to me, saying, 'Jimmy, I have muscles I didn't even know I had.' He looks like a 147-pounder now. It seems like everyone who's fast is classified as a boxer and everyone who is slow is a slugger. That's a lot of bullshit."

In the remaining four categories—defense, hand speed, jab and talent—

Camacho was on top. But Crawley was considered his equal defensively, something that stuck in Hector's craw.

"You can't compare Tyrone Crawley to me defensively," said Camacho. "I can stand in front of you and block punches with my elbows, then counter effectively. Crawley's a decent boxer, but all his boxing is done on the run. He runs most of the time."

Montoya amplified Camacho's remarks, adding, "Hector can catch anything with his arms and he's already in position to get into the offensive flow in a split second."

Camacho rated his jab his chief weapon—all three of them. His first jab, he said, is one to give you something to think about. His second jab pushes you in. His third bangs you and keeps you off balance."

"I'll whip you with the jab," he said. "Whish whish whish—like a whip."

Prior to Camacho's excursion into the lightweight division, Davis was considered the fastest of the 135-pounders. But, as Montoya noted, "Davis has speed, but he has speed going backward, not forward. Name one who is as fast as Hector. The only one was Leonard, and Leonard was 147 pounds, and he did it while he was standing still. Hector does it while he's moving. Leonard was very accurate with his punches. This kid never misses one."

"I'm the fastest in the world, there's no doubt about it," said Camacho. "I'm not just fast like Howard Davis. I'm connecting, but hard. Davis is fast, but putting it together and being effective is another thing.

"I'm very talented," he added. "I've got defense, offense and I can use the ring. I can change a fight four times in a round where other guys might be able to change it twice the whole fight. The best hasn't come out of me yet. I haven't been in a fight yet where I've been pressured."

Camacho hopes to win two more championships within the next two years.

The Macho Man displays a little skin for his fans during the pre-fight introductions before the Harry Arroyo-Terrence Alli IBF championship in Atlantic City.

Then, he plans to begin an acting career. He admires Clint Eastwood, a fairly macho figure himself, and he idolized Bruce Lee.

"Bruce Lee did it his way. He made martial arts what it is today like Ali made boxing what it is. He's a legend now."

"The Macho Man" is creating his own legend. How far it develops is yet to be seen. But, if it all ended today, Camacho would have no regrets. He has come a long way from the streets of New York.

"I'm living a life of fantasy, doing everything I want to do, going everywhere I want to go," he said. "I'm just a lucky guy."

Just a lucky guy with a handsome face, a world of talent and a smile that melts even his sternest critics.

"The clothes don't make Hector," said Montoya. "All he has to do is smile. But if you ever see Hector walking down the street, he dresses like nobody else. He gets a kick out of it. He's not a put-on. He wants you to feel you're not old. He wants people to feel young, to feel good.

"He's a good man," Montoya concluded. "I love him. He's got a heart of gold." □

RINGSIDE REPORTS

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

Challenger Colin Jones is obviously having a tough time with WBA welterweight champion Donald Curry. Don's demolition of the Welshman made him Fighter of the Month.

WBA WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPION **DONALD CURRY** wins this issue's Fighter of the Month designation for his brilliant display of talent against courageous challenger Colin Jones en route to a fourth round TKO victory in a scheduled 15-round title bout at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham, England.

Curry showed why he is nicknamed "Cobra," as he shot his punches, seemingly from nowhere, with amazing speed. Jones tried, but was being outpunched, at least four to one, before a bad cut on the bridge of his nose forced the bout's termination. This was Donald's fifth successful defense of the crown he won by outpointing Korean's Jun-Sok Hwang in February, 1983. Curry, now 21-0, is looking better all the time.

Runner-up honors go to WBA featherweight champion **Eusebio Pedroza**, who won a unanimous decision over Panamanian rival Jorge Lujan in a 15-round title grudge match. This was Pedroza's 19th title defense. Only Abe Attell, champ from 1903 to 1904 and again from 1906 to 1912, made more titular defenses as a featherweight.

Pedroza now intends to challenge Rocky Lockridge for the latter's WBA junior lightweight crown. Lockridge, loser of two 15-round decisions to Pedroza in 126-pound title contests, recently defended his 130-pound tiara against Kamel Bou Ali in Italy.

CURRY-JONES
WBA Welterweight Title

BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND—Don Curry is still the WBA welterweight champion, and a worthy one, too. A crowd of nearly 12,000, not to mention millions of viewers on British and American TV, shared the drama as Puerto Rican referee Ismael Fernandez led disconsolate Welshman Colin Jones to his corner after 0:36 of round four in a scheduled 15 at the National Exhibition Centre.

Jones had a deep gash across the bridge of his nose that required eight stitches, and a lump over the right eye that was enough of a handicap in itself. British fans naturally sympathized with Colin in his moment of misery, when he realized that all he had worked for had disappeared in less than 10 minutes, but there was no need for a few of his supporters to give vent to their frustrations by tossing plastic beer bottles into the ring. Some of the missiles hit spectators, and promoter Frank Warren said he would not allow beer to be sold in bottles at any of his shows in the future.

"I feel so stupid," said a tearful Jones. "I trained so hard. I've never been stopped before. There was no way I wasn't going the full distance if it hadn't been for the injury. I feel I've let my fans down."

He had not, of course. Jones put up his usual plucky fight, doing his best to match Curry's work rate, but without much success. For every punch he landed, Curry landed four or five.

Curry looked every inch a champion. Even after the first

A study in frustration, as a Bleeding Colin Jones turns into the ropes. His title fight with champion Don Curry was halted at 0:36 of the fourth round due to a cut on Colin's nose.

round, his class was evident. The sheer speed of his deliveries was impressive, and his combination punching was amazingly precise.

Curry came out quickly at the opening bell, and scored with a couple of left jabs. That paved the way for him to get in close, where he not only scored with two more jabs, but nullified Jones' attempts to counter with a clever defense. Colin did, however, manage a left to the body.

Curry oozed confidence, and Jones' nose was bleeding by the time the first round ended. In the second, Don continued to wade in with quick blows with both hands, varying his attack from jabs to hooks, with an occasional uppercut thrown in.

Jones began round three with three or four punches to the body, but these were mostly blocked by the champ's elbows-tucked-into-the-sides defense. Many British fans were hoping that Curry's rumored weight problems would catch up to him in the contest's later stages, enabling Jones to use his strength and punching power to wear him down. Curry, however, had no trouble making the weight limit. He hit 147 on the nose, with Colin a pound lighter.

Round three spelled disaster for the Welshman. Curry drove him back against the ropes and punched away with both hands. Jones punched back, but not with much authority, and—suddenly—Colin's face was covered with blood, his nose cut across the bridge.

There was little that manager Eddie thomas could do to patch up the injury, but Colin came out for the next round with the obvious intention of making a do-or-die effort to stop his man. Even that chance was denied him, however, as referee Fernandez halted the bout to allow Dr. David Targett to examine the injury. Dr. Targett said it was too serious for him to continue, and the fight was stopped at 0:36 of the fourth round.

Colin rested his arms on the ropes and buried his head in his gloves.

"It was an uppercut," said Curry when asked what punch had split open Jones' nose. "He's a gutsy guy."

Manager Thomas was uncertain as to whether Jones would retire. The following day, however, Jones said he still felt he was "cheated out of a world title. I would like the opportunity of fighting for it again."

If so, then good luck, Colin. But against anyone but Curry.

European junior lightweight champion Pat Cowdell, 131½, stopped Mexican Santos (Apache) Moreno, 132, referee John Coyle intervening at 1:10 of round seven in a scheduled 10.

Commonwealth welterweight champion Sylvester Mittee, 147, halted Mexican Juan Alonzo Villa, 146, referee Coyle intervening at 1:55 of round two in their scheduled 10.

David Griffiths, 143½, Cardiff, Wales, made his pro debut by stopping substitute George Jones, 143, referee John Keane stepping in at 0:31 of round two in a scheduled six.

Martin McGough, 146, Coventry, stopped Dave Haggerty, 145, Glasgow, referee Keane calling a halt at 0:35 of round two in a scheduled eight due to a cut over the loser's right eye.

Arthur Robinson, 148, Birmingham, narrowly outpointed Tommy Kilgallon, 149, over six two-minute rounds, referee Keane's scorecard reading 59-58½.

Glenn McCrory, 199, Anfield Plain, halted Nate Robinson, 203, Miami, Fla., referee Coyle intervening at 1:04 of round two in their scheduled six when Robinson was cut on the left eyelid. McCrory is now 10-0.

(01-19-85)

RON OLVER

CAMACHO-BURKE

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—Go ahead, make my day, said "The Macho Man." Poor Louie Burke obliged and paid the price. The Las Cruces, New Mexico nice guy got hammered, floored and just down right beat up before being stopped at the end of round five in a scheduled 10 shown live over the CBS television network.

Amazingly, at the post-fight press conference, Burke told the assembled media that he was "happy to be here." Call him gritty, call him game, but when he dared to carry his left hand low and stick his chin out, you couldn't call him smart.

You could sense early on that Hector, 136, was out to

Hector (Macho) Camacho (right) returned to action with a sparkling TKO over Louie Burke in Atlantic City.

"get it on." Eight months out of the ring, his "Jones" for the spotlight needed a quick fix and he came out blazing. Camacho just couldn't miss. Before the end of the first, the former WBC junior lightweight champion fired and connected with three startling quick right hooks as Burke, 135¾, was trapped in his own corner.

Louie's only hope to rattle his opponent was to get inside, but even that proved ineffective. Camacho was born to the ring, a natural who knows when to punch, when to keep that extra step distance, and how to parry the other man's charge. Burke was out of his league and the crowd devoured (just as they did all the free food and drink available to everyone present) the moves and quickness of the effervescent Camacho. He played to the crowd, using his opponent as the straight man foil.

Before sitting down after round one, Hector raised both hands high and urged the fans to cheer for "a winner." They did not hesitate; they were hooked.

While Camacho's over-all performance was superb, it was not a "ten." He had his nose slightly bloodied early in round three. In round two, after dropping Burke with the right hook, he eased up, glancing over to his corner. Camacho looked concerned, as if his energy supply was running low. The corner picked up the vibes and implored referee Larry Hazzard to "watch the head (Burke's)" as he came barreling in.

Regardless, Camacho came through as expected. Try as he might, Burke and his sheer determination could not cope with Hector's boundless natural talent. By the end of round four, Burke's left eye was closing and he bled from a cut on the bridge of the nose, prompting the doctor to come up for a look-see.

The fifth was the icing on the comeback cake. Hazzard employed the recently instituted standing eight-count after a barrage of unanswered Camacho punches beat a tattoo on Burke's face. When the punches come that fast and furious, there is little that can be done. Shortly after the bell, it was all over.

A "flat" Ricky Young, 140, New York, got a little help from his "friends" and took a disputed 10-round split decision over Fred Pendleton, 141, Philadelphia. Scores: Phil Neuman and Frank Brunette both 6-3-1, Young; judge Lawrence Wallace, 6-4, Pendleton. *The Ring* card read 6-3-1, Pendleton. Even a few of the New York writers present felt that Young should have lost. The referee was Ted Pick.

In another scheduled 10, Al Santana, 146¼, Bayonee, N.J., TKO'd Nelson (Rocky) Ortiz, 145, New York, at 3:03 of the third. Ortiz was dropped twice in that round by body shots. Referee was Hazzard.

Edward O'Boyle, 154¼, Bayside, N.Y., won a unanimous four round decision over taller, switch-hitting Greg Jones, 154¼, Newark, N.J. Referee was Pick.

John Skerret, 122¾, Jamaica, N.Y., won unanimously over Ronnie Rentz, 122¼, Albuquerque, N.M., four. Referee was Hazzard.

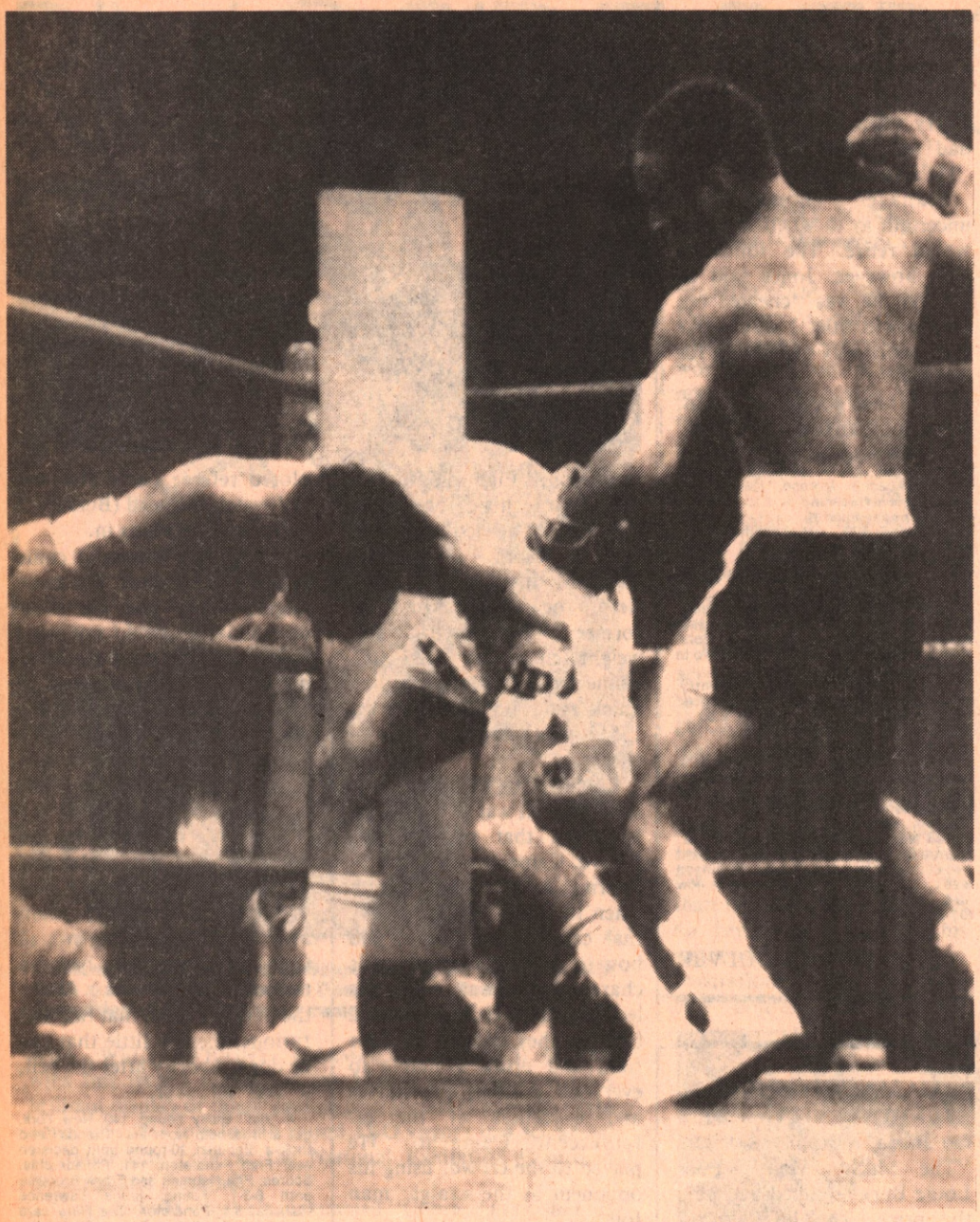
Promoter—Madison Square Garden/CBS

Timekeeper—Steve Smoger.

Site—Imperial Ballroom of Harrah's Trump Plaza Hotel-Casino.

(01-19-85)

JACK OBERMAYER



Junior lightweight champion Rocky Lockridge clubs down Kamel Bou Ali in the sixth session of a scheduled 15-round title bout in Riva del Garda, Italy. The fight was stopped just moments later.

LOCKRIDGE-BOU ALI
World Junior Lightweight Title

RIVA DEL GARDA, ITALY—WBA junior lightweight champion Rocky Lockridge, 129, retained his title with a sixth round TKO over Tunisian challenger Kamel Bou Ali, 129¾, at the Palazzo dei Congressi.

Lockridge was not expected to have too much trouble with Bou Ali, and, especially in the first three sessions, he didn't. Rocky wasted little time going after his man, and Kamel offered little intelligent resistance. Taller than the champion by three inches, Bou Ali tried to defend by backing up. He was consequently caught against the ropes on several occasions.

In the fourth, however, Bou Ali became "aware"—aware that he was in a title fight against a dangerous professional who had him on the verge of a knockout every time he tried to get away. Beginning in the fourth, Kamel tried lateral movement as a means of defense, and it worked. Lockridge's attack was slowed, and Bou Ali even managed to land several good punches.

Lockridge hurt his man in the fifth round with a left uppercut followed by a right to the chin that sent the challenger staggering across the ring. Rocky then went for the kill, maneuvering Bou Ali into his own corner and letting loose a fusillade of punches, culminated by a hook, that floored his man. Kamel beat the count, the round ending seconds later.

Lockridge came out to finish the job in the next round, knocking Bou Ali back into the ropes with a hard right hand to the chin. A succession of follow-up punches prompted Bou Ali's manager, the veteran Umberto Branchini, to wave the white towel. Referee Tony Perez saw it and immediately stopped the contest at 0:59 of the round.

Lockridge, who will probably make his next defense against Britain's Pat Cowdell, is now 39-3 with 30 knockouts. Bou Ali is 17-1-1.

Maurizio Stecca, 125, Rimini, Italy, won a unanimous decision over Haider Nourredine, 129, Casablanca, Morocco, six. Scoring: referee Julio Pisani and judge Scalzo, both 60-54; judge Zanelli, 60-53.

Luciano Bruno, 155, Foggia, Italy, TKO'd Mohamed Bouziani, 154, Oujda, Morocco (now fighting out of Brugge, Belgium), in the third round of their scheduled six.

Angelo Musone, 198, Marcianise, Italy, outpointed Kalombo Mbuyamba, also 198, Zaire, six.

Eddie Buttiglione won a unanimous decision over Dominique Delorme, six rounds, middles.

Judges for Lockridge-Bou Ali—Harmodio Cedeno, Luis Rivera.

NBC-TV.

(01-27-85)

PEDROZA-LUJAN
WBA Featherweight Title

PANAMA CITY, PANAMA—A bitter national rivalry between WBA featherweight champion Eusebio Pedroza and challenger Jorge Lujan elevated a routine title defense to something special, as a SRO crowd of over 15,000 enthusiastic Panamanians turned out to cheer every punch Pedroza (from Panama City) and Lujan (Colon) threw throughout their riveting 15-rounder. And although Pedroza won a unanimous decision with room to spare, it was Lujan's courageous challenge that lifted the contest

above the ordinary.

For Lujan, who won the bantamweight crown from Alfonso Zamora in 1977, and defended it five times before losing to Julian Solis in 1980, the match was one last chance to regain his former glory. For Pedroza, it meant title defense number 19 and another step towards the Hall of Fame. The fact that there was little love lost between them only added fuel to the already volatile pairing.

Lujan, 126, took the fight to Pedroza at the beginning of the first round, continued to build up a head of steam in the second, and really cut loose in the third. A series of rights to the head had Pedroza backing up and looking slightly unsteady. It was a big round for Jorge and he continued his attack in the fourth, landing several more rights before Pedroza replied with booming body shots. Both men fired punches at an alarming pace as the crowd urged them on with one continuous roar. Lujan matched Pedroza punch-for-punch, but even his best shots failed to slow down the champion.

As if by mutual consent, both fighters took a breather in the fifth and continued to coast through most of the sixth. Then, with about 30 seconds remaining in the round, they declared war once again. The slugfest carried over into the seventh, and, although both landed frequently, Pedroza's ripping blows carried far more weight.

Pedroza, also 126, pulled steadily ahead during the middle rounds. He dug savage shots to the body and raked Lujan's head with an assortment of blows. But Jorge stubbornly refused to fold, and always managed to punch back just when he seemed in danger of being overwhelmed.

In the 14th, Pedroza connected with a short right to the chin and Lujan dropped for the only knockdown of the fight. The challenger beat the count and withstood Pedroza's all-out effort to finish him off.

Lujan finished the fight the same way he started, piling into Pedroza, both hands churning. He succeeded in backing the champion into the ropes, putting across a number of clean punches. It was enough to win the round on *The Ring*'s scorecard, but not enough to salvage the fight.

The scores, all in favor of Pedroza, were 149-148, 147-141, and 147-140. The win lifted Pedroza's record to 38-3-1 (23 kayoes); Lujan fell to 27-8 (16 kayoes).

(02/02/85)

CALLEJAS-LEE

WBA Junior Featherweight Title

SAN JUAN, P.R.—KOREA'S Seung-Hoon Lee had made two previous attempts to win world boxing titles, and had failed both times. He fought Rafael Orono for the vacant WBC super flyweight crown in Venezuela on February 1, 1980 and lost a very disputed split decision. Then he was TKO'd in the 11th round by Lupe Pintor in a bid for the WBC bantamweight title in Los Angeles on June 3, 1982.

Lee's third title shot, against defending champion Victor (Luby) Callejas for the WBA junior featherweight title, saw him lose via unanimous decision in a fierce contest in which Callejas suffered two busted fists and a badly damaged optic. The Korean bled profusely throughout the entire contest, but he seemed less worse-for-wear at the conclusion.

Callejas started quickly, determined to make Lee his 18th knockout victim in 19 pro fights. Luby weakened the Korean early in the first session with body shots, and dropped him in the second round with left hooks to the head and body. But the Korean weathered the storm and, after losing the next three rounds, took charge of the action in the fifth frame when he hurt the champ with a shot to the head.

At this point, Callejas changed his strategy. He fought on the defensive, forcing Lee to come to him. He was largely successful, countering well against his aggressive opponent. At times, it looked as though Seung-Hoon was going to take definite control, and maybe score a knockout. But Lee failed to take advantage when he had the champ a little wobbly, and the astute Callejas was able to slip and slide his way out of danger.

Callejas boxed well in the closing heats, and bloodied the Korean's nose with stiff left jabs. Luby held his own in toe-to-toe exchanges, but was never again close to winning by a knockout.

"I hit him with everything but the kitchen sink, but I just couldn't put him down again," said Victor.

The Korean accepted the loss gracefully, but felt the bout was closer than the official scores of referee Larry Rozadilla (145-141), judge Antonio Requena (146-142), and judge Fernando Viso (147-141).

The Ring had it 144-143, Callejas.

Tonito Rivera TKO'd favored Alberto Mercado, 123, at 1:16 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10.

Jose DeJesus, the WBA's second ranked junior flyweight, had his scheduled 10 with Bernardo Diaz declared a tech draw in round seven.

Angel Hernandez kayoed Colombia's Jose Rivera in the fourth round of their scheduled 10, lightweights.

Antonio Esparragoza stopped Jeff Roberts in the fourth round of another scheduled 10.

Fernando Escalera halted Luis Alvarado in the ninth round of still another scheduled 10-round contest.

Juan Carazo, Puerto Rico, outscored the more experienced Julio Guerrero, Dominican Republic, eight.

Site—Roberto Clemente Coliseum.

(02-02-85)

MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

CHANG-KURAMOCHI

WBC Light Flyweight Title

PUSAN, KOREA—JUNG-KOO Chang, 108, the "Korean Hawk," retained his WBC junior flyweight crown with a lopsided unanimous decision over Tadashi Kuramochi, also 108, Japan, 12.

The official scoring was as follows: Malcolm Bulner (Australia), 120-103; Narong Padoong (Thailand), 120-109; Jerry Roth (U.S.), 120-105.

Referee Larry Nadayag of the Philippines could have stopped proceedings anytime after the fifth round. Amazingly, there were no knockdowns. From the start, Chang swarmed over the challenger with sudden right hand leads. The nervous Tokashiki just retreated, circling to avert the champ's rallies.

And that, put simply, was the fight—round after round. In the fifth and seventh, the champ trapped Kuramochi on the ropes. In both cases, the Japanese fighter desperately covered up until the bell came to his rescue.

Kuramochi's corner almost threw the towel in in the 10th round, but held back at the last second. Chang might have been pacing himself, remembering his fight with Tokashiki. That, and Kuramochi's gameness, are the only possible explanations for his failure to win by a knockout.

Kuramochi, a former amateur wrestler, had won the Japanese national crown by stopping Kazuhiro Ikeda (aka Kenji Hayabusa) in four rounds in Tokyo on August 18, 1983. The WBC had him ranked eighth prior to this fight with Chang, but he could not be called a worthy challenger. He had not fought since beating Ikeda, and that bout was only his fifth 10-round affair.

Chang is now 26-1 with 12 knockouts. Kuramochi is 12-2-2 with five kayoes.

This was Chang's first outing since his manager, Ho-Yun Chun, was arrested and sentenced to a year in jail for his part in the "Alberto Castro" IBF flyweight title bout scandal.

Nationally telecast by KBS.

(12-15-84)

JOE KOIZUMI

RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

Edited By Herbert G. Goldman

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

►**SAN FRANCISCO—Kabuki Theatre**—It wasn't exactly *A Star Is Born*, but Jack Padia, 160, Penngrove, California, was an instant success in his first San Francisco main event, stopping tough veteran James Williams, 163, Portland, Oregon, after four rounds of a scheduled 10.

Williams took the bout on only four days' notice, but he figured to be a legitimate test for the unpolished Padia. Williams had been in with world class light heavyweights, and had lost a controversia split decision to Jerry Quarry (making a comeback as a cruiserweight) on November 22, 1983. As it was, Padia beat him with a steady attack to the body.

Padia is now unbeaten in 14 pro fights. He may have established himself as a box office hero at the Kabuki, as this program showed a decent profit.

Felix Gonzalez, 133, San Francisco, knocked out Rene Hedman, 131½, Los Angeles, midway in the second round of a scheduled eight.

Raul Corona, 122, Oakland, won a unanimous decision over Jose Rodriguez, 123, San Jose, five. A minor masterpiece.

Henry Rodriguez, 121, Sacramento, halted Ronnie Furlow, 120½, Stockton, in the first round of a scheduled four.

Abel Santana, 136, San Francisco, flattened Mark Hazzard, 135, San Diego, one minute into the second round.

Promoter—Jimmy Sosa.
Attendance—1,043.
(12-07-84)

CHRISTOPHER COATS

INDIANA

►**INDIANAPOLIS—Tyndall Armory**—Mike Pollitt, 165, New Lisbon, Indiana, won a unanimous decision over Frank Lux, 157, Rapid City, South Dakota, 10. This was a non-stop action contest, and the crowd gave both fighters a standing ovation at the end. The lopsided scores did not show the effort Lux put into the fight; Pollitt was more aggressive, receiving the nod in most rounds. Pollitt was down in round two, and Lux went to the canvas a couple of times in the later rounds. Scoring: John Caldwell, 99-90; George DeFabis, 100-89; Gary L. Merritt, 97-91.

Former state politician Ken Snider, 154, Decker, Indiana, won a unanimous decision over Bruce (The Mouse) Strauss, 153½, Neola, Iowa, eight. The 39-year-old Snider is now 9-0.

Ron Essett, 157, Indianapolis, kayoed Ken Heflin, 161, Louisville, in 2:03 of the first round. Essett, the 1984 National Golden Gloves champ, is now 3-0 as a professional.

Kevin (Bam Bam) Sedam, 129, Indianapolis, knocked out Ron Thomas, 131, Champaign, Illinois, in 1:18 of the first round.

Gary Gamble, 143, Indianapolis, outpointed Charles Vogel, 139, Champaign, four.

Andrew Stokes, 220, Anderson, Indiana, won by a disqualification over Roy Saffold, 202, St. Louis, at 1:09 of round four. There were several low blows.

Ron Kern, 176, Martinsville, Indiana, TKO'd Floyd Smith, 179, Louisville, at 1:40 of the first round.

Joel Hum, 198, Mt. Royal, New Jersey, kayoed inept Al Jones, 195, Chicago, in 0:28 of round one.

Promoter—Fred Berns, in association with Slim Correthers.
Matchmaker—Pete Susens.
Attendance—473. Gross—$6,000.
(01-23-85)

GARY L. MERRITT

MICHIGAN

►**FLINT—Jordan College**—The fighting Byrd brothers headlined a five-bout 5-Star Promotions card, but with varying results. Ronnie came away a winner and Joe found himself upset on his own turf.

In a scheduled eight-round contest, Jamie Howe, 175, Defiance, Ohio, invaded the Byrd turf and pulled off a seven-round technical knockout at the 2:40 mark over Joe Byrd, Jr., 179, in a very hard fought contest. Heavy blows landed from beginning to end. The end came following a vicious body attack by "Featherman" Howe in the seventh that had Byrd dropping for the only knockdown in the fight.

Left hooks to the body provided the outcome in the scheduled six-rounder when Ronnie Byrd, 129, Flint, slammed a left hook to the solar plexis of Tony Rutledge, 130, Columbus, Ohio. The crunching shot dropped Rutledge to his knees where he could only kneel and gasp while being counted out at 2:08 of the third round. This marked Byrd's seventh straight win as a pro.

In an excellent four-round cruiserweight fight, Jeff Thompson, 190, Detroit, moved to 2-0 with a unanimous decision over Butch Saunders, also 190, Flint, who was making his professional debut. A fine boxer (Thompson) vs. slugger (Saunders) contest.

Ernie Houser, 150, Detroit, evened his pro log at 1-1 as he stopped an overmatched Benny Rosales, 147, Flint, at the 2:39 mark of the first canto. Rosales had no amateur experience and this was his pro debut. He had plenty of guts, but not enough experience to keep off Houser.

Rodney Craig, 180, Detroit, also improved his record to 1-1 as he stopped a sad looking Pedro Garcia, also 180, Milwaukee, at 0:54 of the second.

5 Star Promotions (Rose Byrd)
Matchmaker—Joe Byrd, Jr.
Judges—Rosemary Grable, Mary McHale, Alburn Copeland.
Referees—Dale Grable, Spence Carpentier.
Timekeeper—John Cmach
Ring Announcer—Don Neville
(12-29-84)

►**SAGINAW—Saginaw Civic Center**—Glen Smith, 140, Bay City, tuned himself up for his entry into the upcoming ESPN Junior Welterweight Tournament with one rough-and-tumble war with Detroit's Jerome (Lightning Licks) Kinney, also 140, in which he overcame an eighth round knockdown to score a 10-round unanimous decision and capture the Michigan Junior Welterweight Championship. Kinney, the defending champion, gave away too many early rounds before trying to get back into the fight and it cost him in the long run as he lost by scores of 97-93, 98-97, and 97-91. Smith moves to 15-1 and Kinney drops to 20-3 in this battle of southpaws. Smith suffered a cut over his left eye that was checked in the fourth and again in the ninth by the doctor, but managed to overcome it and score the victory with his aggressive forward attack.

Gentleman David Jaco, 218, Bay City, had no trouble handing Rick Kellar, 222, Omaha, a loss. He put Kellar down in the second and third, the latter time for the count at the 1:50 mark of the third. Jaco is now 18-2.

While awaiting an upcoming fight with WBC's number six ranked Edgar Castro in Italy later this month, Michigan's featherweight and junior lightweight champion, E. Wade Costict, 138, Detroit, toyed with Windsor veteran Kenny Smith, 139, through the first round and then opened up on him in the second, decking him twice with right hands. Smith retired as the second ended and Costict improved to 13-2-1.

Detroit's Rick West, 159, ran his pro log to 4-0 with a four-round decision over John McCullough, 158, Bay City. The 6' West towered over the 5'6" McCullough.

A successful pro debut was made by Lonnie (Honey Bee) Beasley, 140, Detroit, as he outpointed Zest Holmes, 141, Detroit, four.

The opening bout had Rob Reynolds, 137, Bay City, stopping overmatched Joe Lateef, 135, Detroit, in his professional debut. The win moved the more experienced Reynolds to 8-1.

Ardore Enterprises.
Matchmaker—Lindy Lindell.
Referees—Dale Grable, Joe Kitchen.
Judges—three of the five judges on hand were Rose Grable, Dela Chantaca, and Bob Quackenbush.
(01-09-85)

DAVE HARTOON

MINNESOTA

►**MINNEAPOLIS—Riverview Supper Club**—Professional boxing returned to the Mill City after an absence of seven years, and the promoter had to appear in the main event as one of the combatants. Heavyweight Fred Askew had to cancel a show two weeks before because of a lack of boxers, but he got it off the ground this time. In the main event, Askew fought a six-round draw with Al Houck of Mahtowa, Minn. Askew's pro record is now 18-15-2. Houck is 10-12-2.

Light heavyweight Willie Mayberry of Duluth (2-0-1) outpointed James (Crazy Horse) Mitchell, Minneapolis (1-4-0).

Saverino Garcia of St. Paul (3-0-0) decisioned Calvin Williams of Minneapolis (0-3-0) over five rounds in a featherweight bout.

Middleweight Doug Demmings of Minneapolis and Scott Papasordora of Minneapolis boxed a four-round exhibition.

Promoter—Fred Askew.
Attendance—420.
(12-04-84)

GEORGE D. BLAIR

NEVADA

►**LAS VEGAS—Riviera Hotel-Casino**—J.B. Williamson lauds Michael Spinks as "the Grand Dragon of the world's light heavyweights." But in the next breath, the Los Angeles contender tells everybody in sight that he is "the slayer of all dragons."

Maybe it's appropriate that Williamson spoke in the parlance of a fairy tale in demanding a crack at the undefeated Spinks' 175-pound crown. The 25-year-old boxer-puncher didn't exactly enhance his credentials as the World Boxing Council's number nine challenger at the Riviera Hotel-Casino.

Oh, the Southern Californian nearly pitched a shutout over game Chris Schwenke of Salt Lake City in the course of filling the vacant Continental Americas throne. But the performance wasn't the type to spell jeopardy for Spinks' reign.

Until he was matched with David Sears for a Feb. 23 defense at Atlantic City, Spinks was so desperate for a big money fight that he was making noises about a possible mismatch with Larry Holmes, the undefeated International Boxing Federation heavyweight champion.

Don King, who was at ringside for his Riviera promotion, would have a tough time selling Holmes-Spinks, but even his Barnum touch wouldn't be enough to ignite interest in Williamson challenging Spinks, who has stopped 17 of his 25 victims.

Williamson, 169½, was a reasonable craftsman in thoroughly hammering Schwenke, 174½, but just when it appeared the latter might go, the power needed for the likes of Schwenke was conspicuous by its absence.

Williamson, improving his record to 18-1 with eight knockouts, preferred to be a headhunter even though he did the real damage with body shots.

"This is only my second fight since July. Just a couple

of more fights and I'll be ready for Spinks," Williamson advised. "I know how to beat him because I'm the slayer of the Grand Dragon."

Schwenke, who was once 14-0 when he fought here two years ago, saw his ledger drop to 18-6 with 15 knockouts. He offered only a big heart and desperation looping rights which occasionally shook Williamson when they landed.

Though at least 20 pounds overweight, Tony Tubbs, 242, Cincinnati, found himself in a mismatch with inept Tim Miller, 213, Huntington, W.Va. He was grateful when referee Davey Pearl halted the scheduled 10-rounder at 2:54 of the second.

There were no knockdowns, but Tubbs, now 19-0 with 14 kayoes, nearly decapitated Miller with every punch he landed. Miller was minus offense and defense against the world-rated Tubbs and went home with a 13-12 record.

Las Vegas' Horace Shufford, 147½, had some tough early rounds against rugged Kevin Austin, 145½, Milwaukee, but finally warmed to the task to score a TKO at 1:32 of the eighth in a scheduled 10-round bout.

It was only Shufford's fifth knockout, as he boosted his record to 24-2-1. The gutty Austin fell to 13-9 with eight kayoes.

Louis Howard, 145½, Phoenix, made it three in a row as a pro when he erased overmatched David White, 143, Tucson, at 1:03 of the first round in a slated six.

Los Angeles' John Hackman, 172, raised his record to 10-4-1 with a knockout over Louis Williams, 177½, Phoenix, at 2:38 of the third round in another scheduled six.
(01-16-85)

Tommy Cordova decks Herbie Bivalacqua in the opening round of their scheduled 10. Herbie beat the count, but was TKO'd in the fourth following two more knockdowns. Photo: Chris Farina

►**LAS VEGAS—Showboat Hotel-Casino**—Maybe neither camp wants to talk about it right now, but there's a possibility Tommy Cordova and Dana Roston will get it on come spring.

Half a step in that direction was taken at the Showboat, where Cordova registered an impressive fourth round TKO victory over well-regarded Herbi Bivalacqua of Marrero, La.

The second step (or was it misstep?) may have come Feb. 28 at the Showboat when Roston returned to action against Los Angeles' Jorge (Rocky) Garcia in Top Rank's ESPN televised 10-round featherweight main event.

Unless you simply don't follow Las Vegas boxing, you know that Cordova and Garcia created a trivia question last year with back-to-back draws—the first in September over 10 rounds and the second over 12 rounds in November.

Roston is a transplanted Kentuckian who created a following in 1984 with spectacular stoppages of Lenny Valdez and Adrian Arreola, but his popularity was challenged by the all-action Cordova, who defeated Jimmy Jackson and Freddie Roach before those dead-beats with Garcia.

Mel Greb, Top Rank's Nevada matchmaker, is in a "can't lose" situation with that February booking.

If the more-experienced Garcia proves too clever for Roston's speed and power, Greb can justifiably bring back Cordova and the former world-ranked contender for a rubber meeting.

The 21-year-old Cordova, 127, who had a February booking before the home folks in Albuquerque, N.M., had to contend with Bivalacqua's speed and counter punching before improving his credentials to 14-2-2 with an abbreviation at 2:39 of the fourth round.

Overall, Cordova applied the kind of pressure the 22-year-old Louisiana boxer had never faced in building a 13-1-1 record. And for the first time as a pro, Bivalacqua met the canvas when Tommy caught him off balance with a left hook in the first round.

Bivalacqua, 125¼, who won four amateur state titles, landed some good combinations on the move, but it was Cordova who had the power he expected in returning to the 126-pound division.

"He was pretty fast, but I knew I'd catch him sooner or later," Cordova reflected. "After those two draws with Garcia, there was no way I was going to let this bout get away. It's sure a good feeling to start the year off with a win."

Bivalacqua went down from a slip in the second round, but Cordova made it legitimate in the third with a right uppercut and combinations to the head. He added a booming right at the bell.

Running from his corner to start the fourth, Cordova ignored Bivalacqua's jab, which had set up eight kayoes, and raked his man with combinations. Another right uppercut and a right-left dropped Bivalacqua in a neutral corner. When Les Bonano, the downed fighter's trainer, climbed up on the ring apron to stop it, referee Joey Curtis obliged.

Eric (The Prince) Martin of San Francisco and Dio Colome of Hawthorne, Calif., advanced in the western regional welterweight class of ESPN's TV tournament. Martin and Colome, who took turns beating each other for the 1984 video title, were scheduled in a 10-round semi-final bout Mar. 14 at Caesars Tahoe.

Martin, 143½, was in full command in improving his record to 17-4-2 as he gained a unanimous eight-round decision over lethargic Reggie Miller, 145½, Lake Charles, La., whose slate dipped to 15-2 with 11 kayoes.

Colome, 146, was knocked down in the first round by a wicked right from Tony Thomas, 147, Portland, Ore., but survived the blast to sweep the remaining seven rounds for a decisive victory. Colome improved his record to 17-2 with 10 kayoes. Thomas skidded to 12-4-1 with 10 knockouts.

Willie DeWit, 213, Grande Prairie, Alberta, extended his pro record to 2-0 with an impressive four-round TKO over Inoke Katoa, 216¾, Salt Lake City in a scheduled six-round bout.

DeWit, who lost the gold medal to America's Henry Tillman in the 1984 Summer Games in Los Angeles, displayed good balance and a snapping left hook as he thoroughly dominated the brawling Samoan.

DeWit hurt Katoa twice in the third round with left hooks, leaving the latter's right eye closing. The Utah boxer tried to maul Willie early in the fourth but DeWit hurt him again with those hooks off a punishing jab.

An instant before the bell, the powerful Canadian cuaght Katoa with a right and a vicious left hook. Katoa broke his fall by grabbing DeWit's waist, but, when he reeled going back to the corner, referee Joey Curtis halted the mismatch.

In the early prelims, Pisa Finai, 221, Salt Lake City, shook off a first round knockdown and dropped Mike Myers, 218¾, Lake Charles, La., in the final round to earn the verdict, four.

Bob Thurman, 162¾, Kansas City, Mo., was fully extended in winning his third straight bout with a close six-round decision over Tom Covington, 160¾, Phoenix.

Bob Smith, 174½, Philadelphia, Pa., registered his first pro victory when he TKO'd Tom Battle, 171¾, Phoenix, at 43 seconds of the first round in a slated four.
(01-24-85)

JACK WELSH

Olympic silver medalist Willie DeWit (right) on his way to a fourth round TKO over Inoke Katoa for his second pro victory. Photo: Chris Farina

WBC welterweight champion Milton McCrory (left) on his way to a fourth round stoppage over Lloyd Taylor in a non-title bout. Photo: Pete Goldfiled

NEW JERSEY

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int.**—Milton McCrory returned to action in a non-title 10 and impressed, disposing of no slouch in unheralded Lloyd Taylor. McCrory, 152, Detroit, did a workmanlike job, luring Taylor, 149, Washington, D.C., into a jabbing contest in the first two rounds. Once comfortably in range, the champion began crossing the right, and in the fourth, a brilliant three-punch combination felled Taylor. A right cross-left hook-right cross dropped Lloyd on his face, with ref Larry Hazzard not bothering to count. It was ruled a K.O. at 0:56. McCrory expressed a desire to re-establish his stature with the public. "I haven't been active, so the media is leaning toward Donald Curry as the true welterweight king," he said. "I can't blame anybody for that because I haven't been fighting. I want to show everybody that Milton's still out there."

Darrell Chambers, 149, Detroit, won a unanimous decision over Jorge L. Gallardo, 146, Brazil, eight.

Steve McCrory, 118, Detroit, beat Sonny Long, 117, Cincinnati, via unanimous verdict, six. Steve's body attack had Sonny running to survive in the late rounds.

Jim Leming, 186, Howell, Township, N.J., took a split verdict over Joel (Dynamo) Hum, 190, Erie, in an exciting six. Hum was down in the second, and ready to go in the sixth.

Rocky Young, 128½, Moundsville, West Virginia, beat Darnell Green, 128, Rahway, by unanimous decision, four.

Top Rank, Inc.

Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.

(12-04-84)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Tommy Ayers, 147¼, Cincinnati, kept busy while awaiting a title shot, stopping Raymundo Valdez, 142¾, Monterrey, Mexico, at 2:37 of the fifth in a scheduled 10. As in several previous bouts, Ayers showed he could get into trouble, and get out of it. Late sub Valdez, fighting his first bout out of Mexico, appeared to be in a mismatch until he buckled Tommy's knees with a left hook-right cross counter off the ropes late in the first. Ayers dug himself a deeper hole by losing the next two rounds for low blows. But by the fifth, the favorite had assumed complete command. An overhand right dropped Valdez, and then a left hook to the ribs sent him reeling into the ropes as referee Tony Orlando waved it over.

In a rematch of a thrilling draw, Mark Frazier, 158, Philadelphia, showed he'd mastered the crude, brawling style of Ron Malek, 158, Wichita. One tremendous right drilled Malek into the floor, and on arising, he showed no desire to continue. Ref Joe O'Neil stopped it at 1:05 of the second. It was scheduled for eight.

Mike Mohn, 193¼, Shillington, Pa., hammered a unanimous win over Manuel Clay, 208¾, Sao Paulo, Brazil, via New York, in a gruelling six. Ref, Orlando.

Gary Roemhilde, 155¾, Philadelphia, outslugged comebacking Al Ferro, 152, Upper Darby, in a scheduled six. Ferro was down and TKO'd at 1:56 of the fourth. Ref, O'Neil.

Randy Richardson, 131¼, Youngstown, beat a game but overmatched, Steve Mistretta, 129¼, Palmerton, Pa., via unanimous decision, four. Ref, O'Neil.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbau, Ted Menas.

Attendance—1,000 (est.).

Judges—Wm. Kostrub, Milo Savage, Rocky Castellani.

Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.

Announcer—Ed Derian.

(12-18-84)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino**—Mark Holmes drifted out from under the protective umbrella of his brother's undercards, and ended up fighting for his life. Holmes, 164, Easton, got a fair, but roundly booed, split decision over Jorge Amparo, 165¾, Paterson, 10. To his credit, Mark survived a storm, and came back to win. The first five rounds were anything but stormy. Amparo applied pressure, but was so ineffective against Holmes' side-to-side movement and flicking jab that he appeared to be trying to lose. But by the sixth, Holmes began to tire, more from body contact than effective punching, and the action heated up. In the seventh, a fired-up Amparo battered an exhausted Holmes all over the ring, dropping him with a clubbing right. Mark had to use all his wiles to survive, with ref Paul Venti penalizing him in the eighth for holding.

But he staged a miraculous comeback in the final two, rocking Amparo with a right at the start of the ninth, then getting the better of heated action all the way to the final bell. Richard F. Murry voted 5-4-1, and Frank Cairo 6-4 for Holmes, while Frank Brunette had it 5-5, but 45-42 in points, Amparo. The crowd, seeing only Amparo coming forward, and unappreciative of Holmes' skills, booed angrily, but it wasn't even as close as the scores.

In a rugged battle of attrition, Lionel Byarm, 174½, Philadelphia, pounded out a unanimous decision over Jay Strickland, 176, Ft. Worth, 0. A wicked right just before the bell ending the first sent Lionel staggering back to his corner. But he gradually gained the upper hand in furious infighting, and then pounded a bloodied Strickland down the stretch. Ref, Frank Cappuccino.

Bryan Jones, 119¼, Philadelphia, scored a repeat win over Pepe Vasquez, 120, Hartford, via a unanimous decision, eight. Jones boxed smartly, and won much more convincingly than in their first contest—in which he came off the floor twice. Ref, Venti.

Junie Nash, 148¾, Philadelphia, won a unanimous decision over Harold Whitfield, 145¾, Jamaica, N.Y., in a very dull eight. The punch-shy Whitfield threw the fight away by running. Ref, Cappuccino.

Anthony Boyle, 123¾, Philadelphia, came off the floor in the first to kayo an exhausted James Irby, 127½, Philadelphia, with a left hook to the ribs in 2:20 of the fourth and final round. Ref, Cappuccino.

Felipe Parilla, 139, Bronx, TKO'd Ali Saad Muhammad, 135, Philadelphia, with a standing eight-count at 0:20 of the second round in a scheduled four. Ref, Venti.

Promoter—J. Russell Peltz (Sands/Tiger Eye, Ltd.).

Matchmaker—Harold Moore.

Attendance—SRO; 1,000 (est.).

Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.

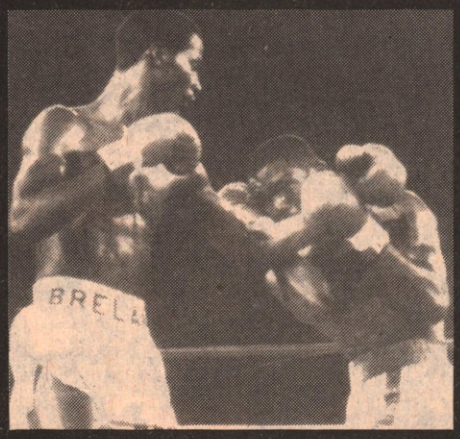
Announcer—Ed Derian.

(01-07-85)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Robert Folley, 176, Irvington, N.J., graduated to his first main event by easily belting out Dale Wilburn, 183, Portsmouth, Ohio, at 1:38 of the first round in a scheduled 10. Though normally a cautious, defensive boxer like his dad, Zora, Robert found the straight-up, immobile slugger Wilburn a target impossible to resist. Right hand bombs twice dropped the Ohioan, and then battered him in a corner until ref Tony Perez stopped it.

Victor Flores, 133½, Chicago/Philadelphia, took a split decision over Dave Brown, 134½, Elizabeth, in a dull sparring session, eight. Despite close scoring, Flores appeared to win handily, as Brown was content to counter. Ted Pick refereed.

In an unbelievable battle, Angel Sindo, 153, Deptford, N.J., took a unanimous decision over Gary Roemhilde, 152¾, Philadelphia, six. Roemhilde was nearly gone in the first, and then continued to stage miraculous recoveries until even the commission members stood and applauded at the final bell. Ref, Perez.



Mark Breland (left) notches his second pro victory with a six round decision over Marlon Palmer. Associated Press Photo

ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel & Casino—The second card featuring Shelly Finkel's galaxy of Olympic stars was presented, but only two of the luminaries appeared. In the top bout, Mark Breland, 147, Brooklyn, rolled to the easiest of unanimous wins over Marlon Palmer, 148, Pottstown, Pa., six. Though Palmer is a competent opponent, Breland made it look easy. More intent on learning his trade than impressing the fans, Mark's performance was met by the predictable storm of boos. But Breland's cornermen, knowing a string of quick knockouts can be all flash and no substance, have him working on specific points each time out. This time, he used his jab to break up Palmer's advances, and covered his ribs well when inside. Instead of stumbling away from an attack, his footwork was smooth, rolling smartly off the ropes and out of corners.

Palmer was completely befuddled trying to cope with Mark's height and reach, and was never a serious threat. Breland opened up in the fourth and had Marlon in trouble, but switched back to boxing in the final two. Judge Lawrence Wallace scored it a shutout, while Rocky Castellani and Frank Brunette each gave Palmer the fifth. The winner appeared mildly annoyed by the crowd's lack of appreciation for his talents. "The majority of them never had a fight in their lives," he snapped. "But you don't see them wanting to get in there with me." Larry Hazzard refereed.

The other Olympian, Virgil Hill, gave the fans nothing to boo. Hill, 170, Grand Forks, N.D., TKO'd John Tyrell, 171, Glens Falls, N.Y., at 1:12 of the first round in a scheduled six. The rugged but slow Tyrell was no match for Virgil's quickness. Lunging awkwardly into a left hook, Tyrell went down, and was then battered helplessly on the ropes until referee Frank Cappuccino rescued him.

Mike Costello, 175, Bridgeport, Conn., and Marvin Mack, 170, Philadelphia, struggled to a three-way split draw, six. Though hard-fought, the action was sloppy and mauling, with neither commanding enough to deserve a win. Ref, Cappuccino.

Curtis Summit, 148¼, Joliet, Ill., via Fayetteville, N.C., took an upset unanimous decision over Joey Ferrell, 148, Philadelphia, six. Joey hurt Curtis several times, but the gritty Summit kept rallying back to outlast him. Ref, Hazzard.

Sammy Young, 141, Troy, N.Y., scored a knockdown in the fifth to gain a unanimous verdict over Pat Lyons, 141, St. Marys, Pa., in a good, close six. Ref, Cappuccino.

Mike Triccarico, 143, Brooklyn, TKO'd Anthony Scarmado, 148¼, Utica, with one knockdown at 2:29 of the first round in a scheduled four. Ref, Hazzard.

Promoter—Dan Duva (Main Events and Monitor Productions).

Matchmaker—Johnny Bos.

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Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.

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In a wild shootout, Kevin Watts, 162, Pleasantville, outlasted awkward Eddie Barnes, 162¼, Washington, D.C., to stop him on his feet at 2:54 of the fourth and final round. Ref, Pick.

Mike Russell, 120¾, D.C., destroyed game but outmatched Keith Jenkins, 120¾, Philadelphia, who received a standing eight, and then was blasted to the floor for a TKO at 2:22 of the second in a scheduled four. Ref. Perez.

Wali Muhammad, 176¼, Orange, N.J., blasted John Elmore, 177, Newark, into submission at 1:57 of the first round in their scheduled four; one standing eight. Ref, Pick.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbau, Ted Menas.
Attendance—SRO; 1,400 (est.).
Judges—Wm. Kostrub, Lawrence Wallace, Al DeVito.
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(01-15-85)

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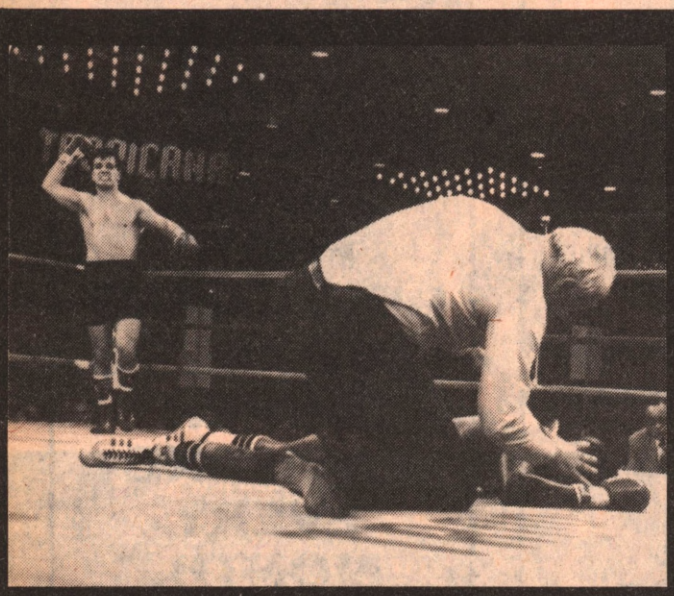

Donny Poole celebrates while referee Randy Neuman counts out Russell Mitchell at 2:51 of the second. Photo: Bill Muhlack

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel-Casino**—In the main event, Jocko King, 135¼, Philadelphia, won a 10-round split decision over Al Martino, 135, Washington, D.C. After dropping the first round, King altered his sights and worked the body of "Speedo" effectively. His edge in physical strength and relative (neither is a noted banger) punching power, offset the boxing ability of his southpaw opponent.

Even though *The Ring* saw it 6-2-2 for King, the judges' cards were much closer. So close in fact, that a bogus flooring of Martino, ruled as an official knockdown by ref Joe O'Neil, proved to be the deciding factor. It occurred in round six, as Martino appeared to be pushed rather than punched to the canvas.

Judge Ron Burns gave King a 5-3 tab in that round for the knockdown (he was the lone judge to give King a two-point edge in that session) and thus the slight advantage to the Philadelphian; Burns had it 5-5 in rounds, but 46-45 in points for King. In New Jersey, you go to the points if the rounds come out even. Judge Lynn Carter had it 6-4, King, while William Kostrub had it 6-4, Martino.

In a semi 10, Donny Poole, 153¼, Toronto, scored a knockout win at 2:51 of round two against southpaw Russell Mitchell, 154, Milwaukee, Wisc. Poole had little trouble with the two-day sub. The end came when Russell was dropped by a clubbing left hook. He remained on the canvas for some time, thus causing some to suggest he was milking it in a vain attempt at winning an Oscar. The ref was Randy Newmann.

A trio of scheduled fours opened the show. Ron (Stingray) McCarthy, 175¼, Easton, Pa., registered a technical knockout over Andre Hayes, 173, Asbury Park, N.J., at 0:54 of round two. Hayes was dropped twice in that round. The ref was O'Neil.

Mario (The Cat) Davis, 151¼, Buffalo, won a unanimous decision over Mark Marciano, 153, So. River, N.J. Davis was making his pro debut. Ref was Newmann.

Southpaw Tracy Spann, 138, Plainfield, N.J., took a unanimous decision over Chris Bowen, 141, Washington, D.C. Bowen got a standing eight-count (part of the new regulations governing professional boxing in the state of New Jersey, which went into effect on January 7) from ref O'Neil in round one. Spann is now 3-0.

Promoters—Elbaum and Menas.
Timekeeper—Steve Smoger.
(01-08-85)

JACK OBERMAYER

PENNSYLVANIA

►**PHILADELPHIA—Mayfair Ballroom**—Everything went wrong for the promoters on their second, and possibly last, card at this club. Dive artists littered the undercard, resulting in six straight one-rounders, a botched decision caused an ugly scene after the main event, and the Pennsylvania Athletic Commission placed the promoters under suspension pending a hearing.

The main event was as good as one could wish, saving the show from a ragged undercard. Fred Pendleton, 136, and Marvin Garris, 136½, met in an all-Philly showdown. The more experienced Pendleton came out bombing with right leads, twice dropping the prospect in round one. Garris, fighting his first main event, bicycled out of trouble, then came back to engage Pendleton in a war. Fred was frequently outboxed, but came on in the stretch with harder punching, as Marvin's legs slowed. Garris was close to falling in the eighth and final round.

The decision was erroneously announced as split for Garris, setting off a highly emotional display by Pendleton and manager Jimmy Hill that came close to igniting the crowd. It was later determined that judge Adalaide Tyndale had incorrectly totaled her card, with the commission righting the error and ruling Pendleton the winner. The correct scoring was: Tyndale, 36-35, Pendleton; Al Morris, 38-37, Pendleton; Charlie Sgrillo, 37-35, Garris. Referee, Tommy Reid.

Bobby Francis, 141½, Brooklyn, "kayoed" Jerome Artis, 140, Philadelphia, in 3:09 of the first round in a scheduled six. Jerome, who was recruited from the hot dog stand, went down from a glancing blow and put on a dramatic performance trying to regain his feet. Referee, Charlie Sgrillo.

Pop Robinson, 115, Philadelphia, "knocked out" Orlando Taylor, 117, Philadelphia, who folded meekly in 2:08 of the first round in a scheduled six. Referee, Reid.

Angelo Combs, 157, Philadelphia, "kayoed" pathetic stiff James Brown, 149, Philadelphia, after two knockdowns, in 2:00 of the first round in a scheduled four. Referee, Sgrillo.

Bob Nicks, 146½, Philadelphia, TKO'd Wyatt Simkins, 145, Philly, at 2:29 of the first (one knockdown) in their scheduled four. Referee, Reid.

Rick Henderson, 140, Philadelphia, TKO'd James Lyons, 138½, Philly, at 2:15 of the first round in another scheduled four. Lyons tried, but was floored by a solid left uppercut counter. Referee, Sgrillo.

Alfred Shoffner, 174, High Point, North Carolina, kayoed Morris (Rock) Cohen, 175½, Philadelphia, in 1:19 of the first round in their scheduled four. No dive, as Shoffner blasted Cohen to the canvas in spectacular fashion. Referee, Reid.

Promoter—Quentin Ellis.
Matchmaker—Sam Solomon.
Attendance—300. Gross—$2,500 (est.).
Timekeeper—Tony Stenza.
Announcer—Frank Talent.
(01-04-85)

►**READING—Sheraton Berkshire Inn**—After an excellent start, this promotion may have died a sudden death in their second show. Before a packed house, the bouts provided a dismal rogues' gallery of stiffs. And a free-for-all that erupted in the lobby and spilled onto the parking lot may have been the *coup de grace*.

In the six-round main event, veteran Luis (The Bull) Vega, 140, Reading, got to appear in his home town for the first time after a long career. But he was unfortunately stopped by A.D. Wiggins, 135, Allentown, after a left hook dropped him at 1:20 of the third. Mike Mittman refereed.

Al Sheriff, 167, Reading, hammered Bob Saxton (Charlie Johnson), 166½, Philadelphia, for a unanimous win, four. Ref, Mittman.

Todd Englehart, 160, Lebanon, "kayoed" Rodney Pressley, 167, Philadelphia, in 0:52 of the second; one knockdown, scheduled four. Tony Wolfe refereed.

Scott (Little Red) Derr, 141, Reading, "TKO'd" Maurice Young, 141, Philadelphia, who flopped three times in 1:32 of the first round in a scheduled four. Referee, Wolfe.

Nick Rapino, 146, Reading, "kayoed" Lawrence (Homicide) Jones (posing as "Jasper Baxley"), 144, Philadelphia, in 0:25 of the first round in their scheduled four; one knockdown. Ref, Mittman.

Gustavo Lopez, 130, Lancaster, "TKO'd" Ron Super (a/k/a "Asim Abdul"), 132½, Philadelphia, at 1:52 of the first; two knockdowns, scheduled four. Referee, Wolfe.

In the only competitive bout, Stacey Moultrie, 139, Philadelphia, won a close majority decision over Richard Graves (ironically, one of the few opponents on the show who didn't come from one), 140½, Philadelphia, in an exciting four. Referee, Wolfe.

Promoters—Link Kline, Rich Ormsby (K. & O. Boxing).
Matchmaker—Ken Hissner.
Attendance—500. Gross—$6,500 (est.).
Judges—Joe Sweeney, Gus Daniels, Joe Talarico.
Timekeeper—Tony Stenza.
Announcers—Joe McHugh, Dave Harter.
(01-19-85)

J. R. JOWETT

◄**PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon**—In the scheduled eight-round main event, Vaughn Hooks, 175, Philadelphia, won via disqualification at 0:26 of round four against James Stills, 178, also Philadelphia. After giving away round one, Vaughn started to get his hooks into his southpaw foe. Hurt badly in round two, floored by a straight right in the third, Stills further dampened his chances by losing points when referee Joe O'Neil took one each after the second and third rounds for punching below the belt.

Continually warned—though the low blows were never really disabling—Stills closed the show when he put his hands on the chest of O'Neil and added a few choice words for effect. That was all Joe would take and he disqualified him right then and there.

Nasir Ali, 165, Philadelphia, kayoed David (Plow Boy) Plowden, 161, Florence, S.C., at 1:16 of round three in a scheduled eight. Dave used the push-and-crowd attack against his much taller adversary. Ali would have none of it and constantly pushed him off. Ref Dan Bucceroni once had to bring the boxers to center ring for a little lecture. The end came as Plowden was dropped in his own corner from two left hooks to the body. They were questionably close to low, and that is what Plowden insisted. But his plea fell on deaf ears.

In a spirited four-rounder that ended in an even split, Marvin Young, 140 and Curt Adams, 134, both of Philadelphia, each came off the deck in round one. The ref was O'Neil.

Brian McGinley, 150, Philadelphia, TKO'd Toneo Smith, 148, Fayetteville, N.C., at 2:57 of round one in a scheduled six. Ref Bucceroni stopped it after Smith was dropped for the second time.

Anthony Rosser, 155, Philadelphia, roared back to TKO fellow Philadelphian Keith Todd, 160, at 0:56 of the fourth and final round. The ref was O'Neil. The switch-hitting Todd had put Rosser down early in round three and was in control. From that knockdown on, however, Rosser turned into a tiger. With Rosser firing numerous unanswered punches, the ref jumped in to stop it and the joint went wild—even tossing coins and magazines into the ring in appreciation.

Judges—Carol Polis, Harold Lederman, Tommy Cross.
Promoter—J. Russell Peltz.
Matchmaker—Harold Moore.
Attendance—661
Timekeeper—J. P. Mena
(01-22-85)

JACK OBERMAYER

TENNESSEE

►**MEMPHIS—Cook Convention Center**—Knox Brown, Memphis, won a unanimous decision over J.D. Dobbins, Little Rock, Arkansas, 10. Brown, a junior middleweight, is now 8-2.

Mark Allman, Memphis, knocked out Ray Haynes, Little Rock, in 2:06 of the second round in their scheduled 10. Allman, also a junior middleweight, is now 10-4.

Michael Greer, Memphis, kayoed Nick Smith, Little Rock, in 2:06 of the second. Greer, a cruiserweight, is now 19-4-2.

Robert Dickson, Memphis, knocked out Ali Smith, Little Rock, in 2:17 of the second round in a scheduled six, feathers.

Donnie Franklin, Memphis, won a unanimous decision over David Curry, Memphis, six rounds, heavies.

Tommy Parks, Covington, Tenn., knocked out Jessie Jones, Memphis, in 2:20 of the first round, lightweights.

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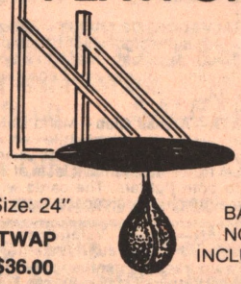

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MICHAEL D. GLENN

Matthew Hilton (right) wins the biggest fight of his unbeaten career, outpointing Brazil's Francisco DeJesus by unanimous decision.
Photo: Jean Gladu

CANADA

QUEBEC

►**MONTREAL—Forum**—Sensational Matthew Hilton, 154, Montreal, won a lopsided unanimous decision over South American champion Francisco DeJesus, 154½, Brazil, 10. DeJesus had been ranked sixth by the World Boxing Council.

Hilton won the first six rounds with a vicious body attack that had DeJesus completely befuddled. Despite advantages in height and reach, DeJesus got the worst of it at long range. He was in trouble in rounds one and three, and was breathing heavily by the end of the fifth session.

The shaven-skulled DeJesus switched to southpaw in the sixth, and tried to offset Hilton with a poking jab. Matthew, however, would have none of it, and dropped Francisco with a terrific hook. DeJesus took a nine-count from referee Guy Jutras, and spent the remainder of the round on his bicycle.

Hilton went out for a knockout in the next round, and landed some tremendous body shots. But it was DeJesus who was scoring the most telling blows as the round ended. The Brazilian seemed to be getting his second wind. He won the eighth round, and sent Hilton's mouthpiece flying with a piledriving right.

The Canadian, however, took it, and came back to win the last two rounds. The official scoring was as follows: Beaudry, 100-90; LaPointe, 98-93; Nadeau, 99-93. *The Ring* carded 98-92.

"Nobody knew he was that good," DeJesus said of Hilton by way of his manager-interpreter, Hugo Caproni. "Incredible how hard this kid can punch. I am convinced that he can hold his own with *anybody* in the division."

Hilton is now 16-0 with 12 knockouts. He was undefeated in 106 amateur contests.

Matthew's brother, David, 146, TKO'd Sammy Horne, also 146, Fayetteville, North Carolina, in the fifth session. Hilton is now 21-0-1. Horne is 30-6.

Remo DiCarlo, 133, Toronto, retained his Canadian lightweight crown by stopping Pierre Huneault, 134, Hull, in the eighth round of a scheduled 12. Huneault was down twice before the ref stepped in. DiCarlo is now 12-1, the loss coming at the hands of Charlie (White Lightning) Brown.

Veteran Carlos Betancourt, 160, Puerto Rico, won an upset verdict over previously unbeaten Canadian middleweight champion Alex Hilton, 159, 10. Betancourt boxed intelligently and made good use of his piston-like left jab.

Jean-Paul Petrin, 144, Hull, won a unanimous decision over Daniel LeMay, 142, Montreal, six.

Andy Formagie, 176, Montreal, halted Ronald Barette, also 176, Hull, in the fourth round. Formagie, guided by George Cherry, is still undefeated. He is one to watch.

Pascal Procopio, 130, Montreal, outpointed Bobby Hackett, 133, Toronto, in the four-round opener.

Ring Announcer—Robert Rivest.
Promoter—Henri Spitzer (HFS Promotions).
Attendance—12,000 (estimated).
(01-22-85)

MICHEL GLADU

SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

►**POSADAS**—Argentine flyweight champion Ramon Horacio Albers outpointed Luis Ocampo, 10.
(12-06-84)
►**DAIREAUX**—Junior lightweight Alberto Aragon kayoed Chilean Juan Segundo Garcia in the second.
(12-06-84)
►**OLAVARRIA**—Welterweight Sergio Combis outpointed junior welter Ramon Collado. 10.

Former Argentine junior lightweight champion Ruben Riani returned to action as a junior welter and outpointed Sergio Brites, 10.
(12-06-84)
►**GENERAL MADARIAGA**—Cruiserweight Guillermo Aguirrezabala returned from retirement and halted mediocre Hugo Carriego in the second.
(12-07-84)
►**MENDOZA—Pacific Club**—Unbeaten featherweight Jose Mario Lopez and Ramon Soria drew, 10.
(12-07-84)
►**TUCUMAN—Club Defensores de Villa Lujan**—Alfredo Lucero, now fighting as a junior middleweight, outpointed local Juan Barboza, 10.
(12-07-84)
►**RIO GALLEGOS—Hispanic-American Club**—Roberto Ruiz won the vacant Argentine middleweight crown with a unanimous decision over Juan Domingo (Martillo) Roldan, 12. The scores were 118-113 (twice) and 117-116.
(12-12-84)
►**VILLA MARIA**—Cordoba State junior welterweight champion Jorge Bracamonte halted Pedro Antonio Gutierrez in six.
(12-12-84)
►**SAN SALVADOR DE JUJUY**—Federacion Jujena de Basquet—Argentine lightweight champion Jesus Romero won the South American title with a unanimous decision over defending champion Sebastian Mosqueira of Paraguay, 12.
(12-14-84)
►**LA PLATA—Atenas Club**—Mario DeMarco retained his Argentine junior flyweight title when referee Arturo Hishinuma stopped his bout with Juan Ivalo in the fifth round due to an accidental clash of heads resulting in injuries to both fighters. The cards were even after four rounds, resulting in a technical draw.
(12-14-84)
►**SAN JUAN—Parque Veinticinco de Mayo**—Junior welterweight sensation Jugo (Pajarito) Hernandez halted Chile's Pedro Vargas Fuentes in the first round. Pedro is the younger brother of Martin Vargas Fuentes.
(12-14-84)
►**CONCORDIA**—Hector Patri outscored Alberto Pacheco, 10, flyweights.
(12-14-84)
►**INGENIERO LUIGGI**—Highly touted featherweight Osmar Avila kept his winning streak alive by outpointing Eduardo (Locomotora) Chavez, 10.
(12-14-84)
►**POSADAS**—Ruben Verdun retained his Misiones State junior welterweight title by outpointing Jose Luis Perez, 12.
(12-14-84)
►**SALTA**—Local featherweight Hipolito Nunez outclassed Fernando Rodriguez, 10.
(12-14-84)
►**TUCUMAN—Club Defensores de Villa Lujan**—Argentine featherweight champion Fernando Sosa stopped Rene (Torito) Plaza in the second. Plaza had been on a winning streak.
(12-14-84)
►**PARANA**—Juan Carlos Fernandez won a unanimous decision over Argentine cruiserweight champion Hector Rohr, 10.
(12-14-84)
►**CONCORDIA—Club Ferrocarril**—Argentine Ramon Horacio Albers knocked out Uruguay's Francisco Bayarres in the sixth round of a scheduled 10-round battle of national flyweight champions. Albers could become a world contender.
(12-21-84)
►**SALTA—Salta Club**—Miguel Angel (Puma) Arroyo retained his Salta State welterweight title by outpointing Osmar Ochoa, 12.
(12-21-84)
►**NUEVE DE JULIO—Club del Centro de Euepleados de Comercio**—Junior lightweight Roberto (Rocky) Defooz halted Raul Colombo in round six.
(12-21-84)
►**PUERTO MADRYN**—Ramon (Moncho) Dominguez retained his Argentine junior featherweight title with a unanimous technical decision over Cesar Villarruel. The bout was halted after the eighth session due to an accidental injury suffered by the challenger. The scores were 80-77, 79-78, and 79-77.
(12-22-84)
►**CATAMARCA**—Local Luis Soto stopped Hugo Fernandez in the sixth round, lightweights. Fernandez was down in the first.
(12-28-84)
►**CHAJARI**—Vicente Silva outscored Ricardo Carballo, 10 rounds, junior middles.
(12-28-84)
►**CANALS**—Sergio Combis and Domingo Sosa drew, 10, welters.
(12-28-84)
►**LA CAUTIVA**—Julio Miranda outpointed Luis Perez, 10, junior lightweights.
(12-28-84)
►**DAIREAUX**—Alberto Aragon outscored Jose Flores, 10, unior lightweights.
(12-28-84)
►**CHACABUCO—Club Argentino**—Junior middleweight Jorge (Karateca) Medina returned to the ring and kayoed Uruguayan champion Miguel Angel Curbello in round five.
(12-29-84)

BRAZIL

►**SAO PAULO**—Argentine welter Ramon Abeldano knocked out local junior middleweight Fernando (Japones) Ernesto in the 10th and final round. Ernesto had been on a winning streak.
(12-16-84)

RICARDO F. SOLANA

COLOMBIA

►**MONTERIA—18th of June Stadium**—Local Miguel (Happy) Lorawon outpointed Jose Chacon, Panama, 10, bantamweights. Lora is now 20-2 with 10 knockouts. Chacon is 13-1-3.

Olympian Robinson Pitalua made his pro debut by knocking out Manuel Mendoza, Cartagena, in the second, bantams.

Wilson Arias retained his Colombian lightweight crown by stopping Bernabe Diaz at 2:48 of round three in their scheduled 10.

Jorge Lugo retained his Colombian flyweight title with a unanimous decision over Nelson Polanco, 10.

David Ayaso kayoed Jose Conde with a right hand to the body in the second, junior welters.
(11-24-84)
►**CARTAGENA—Bernardo Caraballo Coliseum**—Rafael Zuniga, Cartagena, TKO'd Bernabe Viloria in the third round of a scheduled 10.

Jorge Acosta, Barranquilla, knocked out Manuel Mendoza in the third round of their scheduled 10.

Daniel Blanco kayoed novice Jose Banguera, Buenaventura, junior featherweights.

Local flyweight Alfredo Gomez halted Hipolito Balcazar at 2:37 of the first round. Balcazar quit; the commission has held up his purse.

Romas Molinares, Barranquilla, made his pro debut with a unanimous decision over Arnobis Castro, six rounds, junior welterweights. Scoring: Raimundo Alcazar and Horacio Castilla, both 60-55; Rafael Meza, 60-57.

Galaxia Promotions.
(10-26-84)
►**PLANETA RICA, CORDOBA**—Robinson Pitalua, Monteria, won a unanimous decision over Jose Salazar, Cartegena, six rounds, bantamweights.

Local Ruben Guzman won the Central American & Caribbean super featherweight crown with a split decision over Alfonso Chamorro, Maicao, 12.

Julio Lozano kayoed Jose Morelos in the fourth round, junior middles.
(12-09-84)
►**NOTES**—Kid Dunlop, one of the true greats of boxing in Colombia, died in Santa Marta on November 13, 1984. Born Jose Dolores Erebrie in Santa Marta on January 18, 1918, Dunlop had about 150 pro bouts in Colombia, Panama, Aruba, and Curacao.

LUIS A. GONZALEZ

GUYANA

►**GEORGETOWN**—Former Commonwealth lightweight champion Lennox Blackmoore, 156, Guyana, TKO'd Albert Brown, 160, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10. Brown was down twice in the eighth.

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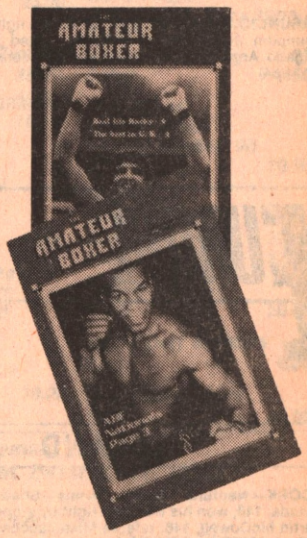

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(12-26-84)

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PARAGUAY

►**ASUNCION**—Former South American light heavyweight champion Juan Carlos Gimenez halted Jorge (Violin) Salgado, Argentina, in the 10th and final session.
(12-14-84)

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EUROPE

IRELAND

►**CORK—Neptune Sports Arena**—Shawn O'Sullivan, Canada, 148, won his third pro fight by stopping American Martin McDowell, 146, referee Mike Jacobs intervening at 2:16 of round two after McDowell had been floored by a right hand.

Although O'Sullivan was born in Canada, his father was born in Cork, and around 3,000 fans gave him a fine ovation at the beginning and the end of the contest.

Yet O'Sullivan was so near defeat. There was a clash of heads in the opening round, and again early in round two, after which O'Sullivan came out with a serious cut over the left eye.

Referee Jacobs took Shawn to his corner so the ringside doctor could examine the injury, and told him that it was so severe that he would have to stop the contest at the end of the round.

This spurred O'Sullivan into action, and he brought over a right hand that floored his opponent, after lifting him clean off his feet. McDowell managed to beat the count, but, as O'Sullivan came in to resume hostilities referee Jacobs stopped it, much to McDowell's annoyance. But it looked a good decision.

The injury required eight stitches, and there was also a cut over Martin's right eye, which wasn't too bad. He stayed in the hospital overnight, and said afterwards that it was the worst cut he'd ever had. However, he intends to continue, and will see how it will react in the future.

Shawn's friend, Sugar Ray Leonard, was at ringside. They both came under Mike Trainer's management.

Welsh light welter champion Mike Harris, Swansea, 149, stopped Gary Williams, Doncaster, 143, referee Jacobs (who officiated throughout) stopping the fight in round eight of a scheduled 10 when Williams had been hurt by a left to the body. This confirmed a previous win.

Winston Burnett, Cardiff, 177, outpointed Tony Morrison, by 58-57 over six.

American William Reid, 134½, outpointed Steve Cleak, Porthcawl, over six by 58-56. Cleak was decked by a left hook in the opening round, rose at five, but, as the tournament was governed by WBC rules and not by the British Boxing Board of Control, referee Jacobs applied the standing count, which continued to eight.

Tyrell Wilson, Newport, outpointed American Kerwin Carter by 59-56. The scoring throughout was on full points only, not on the half-point system of the British Boxing Board of Control.
(01-11-85)

RON OLVER

UNITED KINGDOM

►**LONDON—Britannia Leisure Centre**—British light welterweight champion Terry Marsh beat Peter Eubanks, Brighton, referee Larry O'Connell stopping the fight at the end of round seven in a scheduled 10. This non-title bout saw both boxers weigh inside the stipulated 141.

Eubanks had a cut over the right eye, but it seemed that Marsh was heading for victory anyway. Terry gave his usual fine display of left hand skills, and was completely in control. Eubanks is the only man to have beaten Barry McGuigan, so this was a useful win for the champion, who could be fighting for the world title this year.

Gary Nickels, Paddington, 127¼, outpointed Tony Borg, Cardiff, 130, referee Mike Jacobs scoring their eight-rounder 79½-76½. Borg did better than the score indicates, and, because of the lack of resin, he found the surface so slippery that he took off his boots at the end of round four. That didn't work, so he took off his socks and boxed the last three rounds in his bare feet.

Doug Munro, Glasgow, 137½, narrowly outpointed Tony Connolly, Stepney, 137, referee Tony Walker scoring 59½-59 after six twos. Little in it throughout.

Alan Coveley, Bethnal Green, 117, hept his unbeaten record by outpointing Bobby McDermott, Glasgow, 116, referee Walker casting it 60-57½, indicating that Alan hadn't lost a round in their six twos. A good crowd pleaser.

After three years' activity Gary Cooper, Southampton, 150¾, continued his comeback with a High Noon showdown against old rival Martin Patrick, Tottenham, 153, whom he had stopped on an eye injury when they met previously. Cooper won again, but it took him until 10 seconds of the 10th and final round of this fight for the Southern Area light middleweight title.

Again the stoppage was for eye cuts. The unlucky Patrick had bled from the nose in the first round, from the right eye in round five, and from the left eye in round nine.

Cooper was the harder puncher, he never let up, and Patrick's courage was just not enough on this occasion.

It was the 15th quick win out of 16 victories in 17 fights for Errol Christie, Coventry, who stopped Mexican Gonzalo Montes, 156½, referee Mike Jacobs intervening after 2:59 of round three with Montes still on his feet, but completely bewitched, bothered and bewildered at the speed and strength of Errol's punches.

To start with, Montes could in no way afford to concede six pounds to one of the best prospects in the world. He looked efficient enough at the start, and there was a moment of apprehension as Christie went down in the opening round. This, however, was the result of no resin on the canvas, and was only a slip.

As soon as Christie waded in with devastating combination punching the writing was on the wall, and Montes was taking punch after punch without reply when the stoppage came.

Christie did what he had to do in a cool and calculated manner, showing a fine variety of hooks, jabs, and uppercuts. He was in a class above the Mexican, who did his best to punch back after every Christie assault. But very few blows got through.) The stoppage was merciful.

Dennis Horgan, Camberwell, 148, stopped Peter Ashcroft, Liverpool, 147, the referee intervening in round three of a scheduled six when Ashcroft was cut by the left eye.
(01-16-85)

►**BELFAST—Ulster Hall**—(Supports to McGuigan vs. Ruan)

Welsh light welter champion Geoff Pegler, Swansea, 146, improved as the fight went along and after a slow start kayoed David Irving, Belfast, 147, in round seven of a scheduled eight. Irving was cut by the right eye, bruised by the left eye, and also bled from the mouth. A left hook was the final punch. Referee Larry O'Connell.

David McAuley, Larne, 118½, beat Graham Clarke, Cardiff, 119¾, referee Barney Wilson stopping the fight at 0:50 of round four with Clarke under pressure. He had not been down, but McAuley was twice floored in round two,

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4. John Muwunga (Tanzania)
5. Hans Sankisa (Zambia)
6. Sam Akromah (Ghana)

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1. Barry McGuigan (Great Britain)
2. Johnny Rubin (Uganda)
3. Clyde Ruan (Great Britain)
4. Steve Sims (Great Britain)
5. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
6. Tony Pep (Canada)
7. Pat Doherty (Great Britain)
8. Charles Mandaya (Zimbabwe)
9. Jim McDonnell (Great Britain)
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2. Ray Minus (Bahamas)
3. Francis Musankabala (Zambia)
4. Ray Gilbody (Great Britain)
5. Peter Harris (Great Britain)
6. Keith Wallace (Great Britain)
7. Davy Larmour (Great Britain)
8. Stix Macloud (Zimbabwe)
9. Hector Clottey (Ghana)
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and made a great comeback. This was a scheduled six.

Rob Webb, Larne, 120, stopped Roy Williams, Merthyr, 121¾, referee Wilson intervening at 2:00 of round three in a scheduled six. Williams was shaken by a right hand, but protested he was able to continue.

Carl Barwise, Tooting, 158, outpointed Rocky McGran, Belfast, 159, over six twos, referee Wilson scoring it 59-58½. McGran was previously unbeaten.
(12-19-84)

►**BRADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club**—Kevin Taylor, Rochdale, 126½, beat Mark Champney, Bournemouth, 126, referee Harry Warner halting matters at 1:03 of round four in a scheduled six. Champney was still on his feet and some thought the stoppage premature although Mark had taken several blows without retaliation. A good pro debut by Taylor.

Another debutant, Charlie Watson, Bradford, 147½, also looked good in beating Dave Heaver, Doncaster, 150, referee Warner calling a halt at 1:34 of round three in a scheduled six.

Claude Rosse, Derby, 150½, stopped Mickey Bird, Chesterfield, 144, referee Keith Garner intervening in round four after Bird had been down twice. This avenged a previous defeat.

Mick Cawdon, Doncaster, 201, outpointed Mike Creasey, Blackpool, 212, over six twos by 59½-57. Referee, Keith Garner. This confirmed a previous victory.
(01-14-85)

►**MANCHESTER—Anglo American Sporting Club**—Jimmy Ellis, Sheffield, 164, outpointed Winston Wray, Bolton, 159, by a narrow 79-78½ over eight. Referee Mickey Vann's verdict met with some booing. Ellis looked in trouble in round seven when Wray got home with some hefty punches to the body, but he saw it through until the final bell.

Bobby McGowan, Leeds, 149, didn't lose a round in outpointing Bobby Welburn, Hull, 148, over six by 60-58½. When they met before, the result was a draw. Referee, Ricky Nicholson.

Dave Kettlewell, Leeds, outpointed Kenny Walsh, Bradford, 135¼, over six, referee Vann scoring it a narrow 59-58½. Dave started slowly, but pegged back the leeway with a higher scoring-rate.

Mark Walker, Leigh, 170, didn't lose a round outpointing Seamus Casey, Alfreton, 168, by 60-58½ over six twos.
(01-14-85)

►**LONDON—York Hall**—Jim McDonnell, Stepney, 127½, impressed in beating Pat Doherty, Croydon, 127¾, not losing a round in outpointing Pat over 10, referee Harry Gibbs casting it 100-96. This win puts McDonnell among the top British contenders.

Apart from a hefty right hand in round five, Doherty was never in the hunt, and the taller McDonnell used his superior reach to keep his man on the end of his leads; he was the master at long range and close quarters. McDonnell remains undefeated.

Another who remains undefeated is Mark Reafer, Bethnal Green, 127¼, who stopped Dean Bramhald, Doncaster, 127½, referee Gibbs intervening after 1:22 of their scheduled eight (two-minute) rounder. A right cross made Bramhald drop his guard, and, as Reafer shook him with more punches from both hands, the bout was stopped.

Steve Griffiths, Finchley, 138, outpointed Mark Pearce, Cardiff, 140, referee Gibbs scoring it 79½-78 over eight twos.

Gary Mason, Wandsworth, 230, scored his third pro win, all inside schedule, by stopping Frankie Robinson, Wednesbury, 203, referee Nick White calling a halt after only 48 seconds of the opening round of a six twos. Robinson was down twice by body punches.

Dave Smith, Croydon, 138¾, kayoed Jess Rumden, Plymouth, 135, in round three of a scheduled six twos. Rumden was down twice. Referee, Nick White.

Jess Harding, Potters Bar, 190, outpointed Alex Romeo, Leicester, 204, referee White adjudging that he had not lost a round. Scoreline: 60-57.
(01-18-85)

►**GLASGOW—St. Andrews Sporting Club**—Steve Boyle, Glasgow, 136, stopped Rory Burke, Ipswich, 135, referee Len Mullen halting matters after 28 seconds of round three in a scheduled eight. Burke was down four times.

Debutant Alex Dickson, Larkhall, 138, looked good in outpointing Tyrell Wilson, Newport, also 138, not losing a round on referee Mullen's scorecard of 60-57½ over six. Wilson was floored in round three.

Another who didn't lose a round was Alex Cairney, Kirkintilloch, 122, who outpointed Steve Riley, Newport, 118, over six twos, referee Danny McCafferty scoring it 60-58.

Billy Cairns, Glasgow, 144, outpointed Gary Champion, St. Ives, 144½, and became the third fighter not to lose a round, referee McCafferty scoring it 60-59 after six twos.
(01-21-85)

RON OLVER

ORIENT

JAPAN

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—If there is any secret to the rapid progress made by Japanese fighters, it must be in the annual *Shinjin-o* (Novice King) tourney. It's the tournament where four-round boys compete in four blocks, for the All-Japan finals in 11 classes. Fighting Harada, Koichi Wajima, Guts Ishimatsu, Kuniaki Shibata, and Jiro Watanabe have all passed the Gate of Rookies to win international crowns.

The Hall was the scene for the finals of the East Japan block, which includes Tokyo and Yokohama.

Junior flyweight: Unbeaten 18-year-old Hiroyuki Miyata, 108, eked out a hairline decision over game, aggressive Mitsuo Inami, 107¼, six. Miyata, a high school student, is now 6-0 with three kayoes.

Flyweight: Lefty Masayuki Takahashi, 112, unanimously decisioned Hiroyuki Ozaki, also 112, six. Takahashi, advised by ex-world flyweight champ Shoji Oguma, is a lefthander whose record is now 6-0 with three kayoes.

Junior bantamweight: Koheita Tanaka, a lefty swinger at 114¾, banged out Shinji Ozawa, 113¾, and stopped him at 0:37 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Tanaka, 19, is now 6-2-1 with three knockouts.

Bantamweight: Hisao Ishido, 118, younger brother of lightweight fighter Tadashi Ishido, battered Tomokichi Sugawa, 117½, copping a unanimous decision, six. Ishido, 22, is now 7-1-1 with four kayoes.

Junior featherweight: Fumihiro Iwakawa, 121½, finished Michio Kurosawa, 122, at 2:25 of the second session in a scheduled six. Iwakawa, 23, is now 5-0-1 with three kayoes.

Featherweight: Mark (Brooks) Horikoshi, 124¾, a black fighter who learned to fight in Japan and made his pro debut here, demolished Toshiro Hashiguchi, 124¾, at 2:25 of the opening canto in their scheduled six. Mark is still unbeaten, 4-0 with three kayoes.

Junior lightweight: Haruyuki Kurokawa, 129¾, threw a wicked left hook that sank Yoshito Kumakawa, 127¾, in 2:25 of the first round in a scheduled six. (The two fights ended in exactly the same time.) Kurokawa, a hard puncher, is now 8-2 with seven kayoes.

Lightweight: Hiroaki Motohashi, 134½, halted Nepal's Bishunu Marakar, 135, at 0:53 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Motohashi, piloted by Shichiro Kimura (All-Japan Boxing Association president), is now 4-1 with two kayoes. Bishunu is a unique boxer who came to Japan to work and began his pro career.

Junior welterweight: Iwao Fujui, 139¼, ran his unbeaten log to 4-0 with two kayoes by scoring a shutout decision over Keiji Kawade, 139, six. Fukui is a civil engineer coached by ex-Orient junior lightweight champ Hiroshi Okawa.

Welterweight: Tomoji Kagaya, 146, missed repeatedly but scored an important knockdown and won a decision over Satoru Inoue, 145¼, six. The loser, Inoue, is a medical student.

Middleweight: Reijiro Tsuzuki, 160, stopped Toshiki Matsuyanagi, 157¾, 30 seconds into the first round of a scheduled six. Tsuzuki, an underdog, is now 4-2 with four knockouts.

Featherweight Mark Brooks won the Best East-Japan Novice Award due to his impressive first round kayo.

The winners are scheduled to meet the West Japan block champions at the Hall on February 16.

Promoted by the East Japan *Shinjin-o* Committee.

Attendance—2,400. TV Tokyo.
(12-21-84)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Unbeaten Eiji Kimura, 149¼, was bewildered by the aggressiveness of Hideo Kawamoto, 150, in the first round, but fought back furiously and stopped him at 1:38 of the second round in a scheduled eight. This was a rematch, with Kimura having halted Kawamoto in the finals of the All-Japan *Shinjin-o* tourney. Eiji looks promising and is now rated sixth by the JBC in the welterweight division.

The semi-final saw Seiji Tomari, a tall junior flyweight, 110¼, flatten Hiroyuki Aikata, 109¼, in 2:50 of the second session in a scheduled eight.

Masaru Yoshimoto and Kazuhisa Koyama, both 108, drew, eight.

Hideki Kanai, 118½, won an upset decision over Kazuya Kadoi, 118¾, six.

Nobukazu Kaname, 128, halted Toshiyuki Matsubara, 127½, at 1:14 of the fourth and final round.

Taichi Okada, 120¾, outscored Katsshi Shimada, 121, in the four-round opener.

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Attendance—1,500. No telecast.
(12-24-84)

►**NAHA, OKINAWA—Konan Highschool Gymnasium**—Katsuki Hokama, 140, chalked up a fine kayo over Asataro Nagao, 139, in 2:59 of the third round in a scheduled 10.

The first 10 saw Tricky Kawaguchi, 151¼, outpoint Kenji Chinen, 153¼.

Yoshikazu Kurashita, a rising flyweight at 111½, needed 2:05 of the first round to demolish Takeshi Iramine, 110, in a scheduled eight.

Four rounders: Tokuriki Taira, 117¾, stopped Shiro Sadahisa, 117½, at 0:36 of the third canto. Kunio Yoshikawa, 127½, halted Toshiaki Suwa, 128¼, at 1:15 of the first round.

Promoted by Flipper Uehara (who once challenged David Kotey and Rafael Ortega). No telecast.

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Vacant
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3. Kanakorn Phapoothai
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2. Kongkrung Kiatkriangkai
3. Thaksin Muangsurin
4. Patt Ohyuthanakorn
5. Sunannoi Sorsunanthe
6. Mahasamuth Sithnaruepon
7. Chokchai Chorchang
8. Phajornphai Monsaichol
9. Pramoth Chuvatana
10. Thanunoi Sithsema

relinquished his crown, an eliminator to decide a new champ was staged at the Hall. Mugen Kawasaka, a perennial contender at 152, floored Katsuhiro Sawada, 152¼, twice and stopped him at 3:02 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10.

Kawasaka, 23, is now 13-5 with 11 kayoes. He had three previous cracks at national crowns, losing twice to welter king Junya Kushikino and once to middleweight boss Keitoku Senrima.

Sawada, who will now hang up his gloves, finished with a 15-10-1 mark with 11 kayoes.

Ex-Japanese champ Kazuyoshi Funaki, 112¾, looked impressive as he knocked out Yasumasa Kawade, also 112¾, in 2:27 of the second round in the semi-final 10.

Hirofumi Minami, 128, won an upset decision over Shinichi Enomoto, 127¼, eight.

Four rounders: Mutsumi Suzuki, 126½, won from Kyoshi Ishii, 126. Hiromitsu Tatsuki, 118, outpointed Tomoaki Kobayashi, 117½. Tatsuya Seto, 111¾, decisioned Takashi Umeda, 111. Tsutomu Ono, 110¼, won over Kenji Yasuno, 110. Koichi Tachibana, 144¾, outscored Teruhiko Irisawa, 143½. Hiroyuki Sato, 107¾, decisioned Yukichika Isozaki, also 107¾, in the opener.

Attendance—2,500.
(12-27-84)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Former Japanese lightweight champ Fumio Ozaki has moved up to the welterweight division, and is now rated number one in that class by the Japanese Commission.

Ozaki, 145¾, banged out Korean Yung-Bae Lee, the KBC's third ranked welterweight at 146¼, at 2:11 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10. Takeshi Shimakawa, referee. Ozaki is now 15-3 with eight kayoes. It was Lee's first appearance here.

In another 10, Carlos Elliott, 147, came off the canvas in the first round and fought back to finish Ki-Joung Park, 143½, at 1:03 of the fifth canto. Carlos, a U.S. black fighter working at the Misawa Base Camp, bettered his log to 8-1 with eight kayoes.

Kenji Iizumi, 125, unanimously decisioned Kimio Koyama, 126, six.

Four rounders: Toshio Oki, 112, won a majority nod from Hisashi Nakatomi, 110¼, Nobuyoshi Ebina, 119, decisioned Takahiro Ito, 119. Takeo Onishi, 106½, outscored Koki Daiko, 108, in the opener.

Teiken Promotions. Nippon TV.
Attendance—2,500.
(01-10-85)

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KOREA

►**SEOUL**—Sang-Ho Lee, previously rated in the WBC's top 20 at 140¾, proved faster and stronger than Thai lightweight boss Downthong Chuvatana, 140½, stopping him at 0:23 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Lee, a crafty speedster with a vulnerable jaw, is now 35-1 with 30 kayoes. Despite his fine record, Korean experts still doubt Lee's durability. His sole loss has been a kayo at the hands of unheralded Filipino Allan Alegria in October, 1983. Prior to that defeat, Lee had been the WBA's top contender.

In Korea, national champions must relinquish their titles if they are going to fight for the OPBF or world championships.

Wan-Taek Choi, the Korean junior lightweight boss, did so, and was kayoed by Filipino lefty Rod Sequenan, the OPBF titlist, in four rounds on November 3.

An eliminator took place in the semi-final. Kyung-Choong Lee, 129½, became the new champ by decisioning Chong-Kwon Ahn, 130, 10. Lee is now 7-1 with two kayoes. Ahn, a prefight favorite, fell to 12-5-4 with four knockouts.

Ha-Shik Lim, 112¼, won from Soon-Il Kuk, 111¾, eight.

Bong-Ho Lee, 123, decisioned Chun-Soo Kang, 123½, six.

Four rounders: Dong-Shik Suh, 108¾, stopped Chong-Sup Chun, 109½, at 2:16 of the second round. Sung-Dae Park, 117½, decisioned Soon-Yung Ro, 118. Yung-Il Choi, 110, finished Chong-Kyu Kim, also 110, at 2:42 of the third canto. Sung-Pil Kim, 119, drew with Sun-Kap Hong, also 119, in the opener.

Wonjin Promotions.
(12-01-84)

►**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymasium**—A very complex situation. Current OPBF junior flyweight champ Myung-Woo Yuh had won the title in an eliminator and was authorized by the OPBF as titlist.

However, Chong-Soo Hwang of the Korean Boxing Commission did not recognize Myung-Woo as the OPBF champ, and ordered him to fight an additional elimination bout.

Yuh, 108, faced Filipino Edwin Inocencio, 107¾, and stopped him at 1:19 of the third round in a scheduled 12. Thus, Myung-Woo became the OPBF champ again. The Korean dropped the Filipino once in the second and twice more in the next session. Yuh, piloted by ex-Orient junior lightweight champ Hyun-Chi Kim, is now 16-0 with two kayoes. Edwin dropped to 19-3-3 with 11 knockouts.

Despite disapproval, Myung-Woo was the OPBF champ and this victory was his first defense.

Chong-Hak Lee, 142, was awarded a technical decision over Sang-Shik Kim, also 142, in the seventh round of a scheduled eight.

Ung-San Choi, 116¾, kayoed Chun-Woo Gu, also 116¾, in 1:30 of the third session in the first eight.

Four rounders: Byung-Chul Ban, 110, drew with In-Soo Kim, 109¾. Yung-Man Yun, 109½, outscored Chang-Ho Chung, 109¾. Yun-Gu Han, 112, decisioned Kyu-Sup Ahn, 112¼, in the opener.

Dong-A Promotions.
(12-02-84)

►**KYUNSANBOKDO—Indoor Gymnasium**—Former OPBF middleweight champ Kyung-Min Nah, 159½, stopped Australian Richie Roberts, 160, at 0:45 of the third round in a scheduled 10.

Nah, 15-1 with 15 kayoes, once dethroned Chong-Pal Park (the current IBF super middleweight champ) to become the OPBF titlist, but lost the crown back to Park in a rematch—both fights ending with dramatic knockouts. Nah had been inactive for awhile, but recently, returned to ring warfare.

Ki-Yul Lee, the KBC's sixth ranked middleweight at 161¼, drew with Sang-Ho Yuh, also 161¼, eight.

Han-Jung Kim, 132¼, decisioned Bong-Chun Park, 132¼, eight.

Chong-Soo Choi, 111½, won from Hwa-Soo Lee, 110¾, eight.

Hyun-Sung Kim, 134½, outscored Dong-In Chun, 133¼, six.

Yun-Han Choi, 156½, disposed of Yung-Gu Chang, 156½, at 1:10 of the sixth and final session.

Tae-Ho Yuh, 108, drew with Young-Jae Chung, also 108, in the four-round opener.

Ilhwa Gymnasium.
(12-02-84)

►**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Chan-Yung Park, 120, the WBA's third ranked bantamweight, hit the deck twice in the third and sixth rounds, but fought back hard to win a majority decision over Filipino bantamweight champ Elmer Cataluna, 119¾, 10.

Elmer's left hooks floored the prohibitive favorite, but Park had the Filipino close to a knockdown in the last three rounds. Most people saw it a draw, and Elmer deserves a rematch.

Chan-Yung, a speedy boxer-puncher, quite different from the typical Korean fighter, is now 20-3-2 with five kayoes. Cataluna, a former sparring partner for Jiro Watanabe, is 25-2-3 with eight knockouts.

Chong-Kwan Chung, 114¼, decisioned Dae-Keun Lee, also 114¼, eight. Chung once fought German Torres.

Chong-Ho Shin, 116¾, won from Gun-Jin Byun, 116¾, six.

Sung-Man Cho, 125¾, outscored Yong-Keun Chong, 126½, six.

Four rounders: Ke-Sung Lee, 116¾, and Dae-Bok Lee, also 116¾, drew. Won-Ke Shim, 116¾, stopped Yong-Ju Lee, 116, in the opener.

Dong-A Promotions.
(12-04-84)

►**ZONGJU—Indoor Gymnasium**—OPBF flyweight champ Hi-Sup Shin, 112, kept his crown by stopping Thai titlist Nongberd Naphataya, also 112, at 2:07 of the sixth round.

Shin, kayoed by Santos Laciar in the first round in 1983, improved his log to 31-2-1 with 16kayoes.

The semi-final saw a real upset. Soon-Jung Kang, 111¼, the WBC's seventh ranked flyweight, lost to Bi-Won Chung, also 111¼, on points, 10. Chung, the Korean Commission's number five 112-pounder, is now 13-4-1 with three kayoes. Kang, who had drawn with Prudencio Cardona in March of 1983, was not sharp. He fell to 19-4-1 with one kayo.

Sang-Moon Lee, 116¾, stopped Suk-Bong Kim, also 116¾, at 2:20 of the fifth round in a scheduled eight.

Jae-Yun Lee, 114¼, won from Chul-Ho Chung, 114½, six.

Four rounders: Yung-Sang Lee, 109½, drew with Sun-Jin Park, 110. Ho-Suk Cho, 120½, outscored Dok-Ju Lee, 120. Chong-Un Lee, 119¼, decisioned Sung-Kwan Lee, also 119¼, in the opener.

World Promotions (previously Kukdong Promotions, having changed its name after the recent scandal).
(12-08-84)

►**ZOCHINON—Indoor Gymnasium**—Unbeaten infighter Chul Kwon, 124, chalked up a TKO victory over Jun Arbas, the top Filipino junior featherweight contender, 123¼, at 1:50 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10.

Kwon is now 20-0 with 14 kayoes. Arbas fell to 9-4-1 with four knockouts.

Byung-Suk Park, 136½, decisioned Yang-Ki Lee, 136¼, eight.

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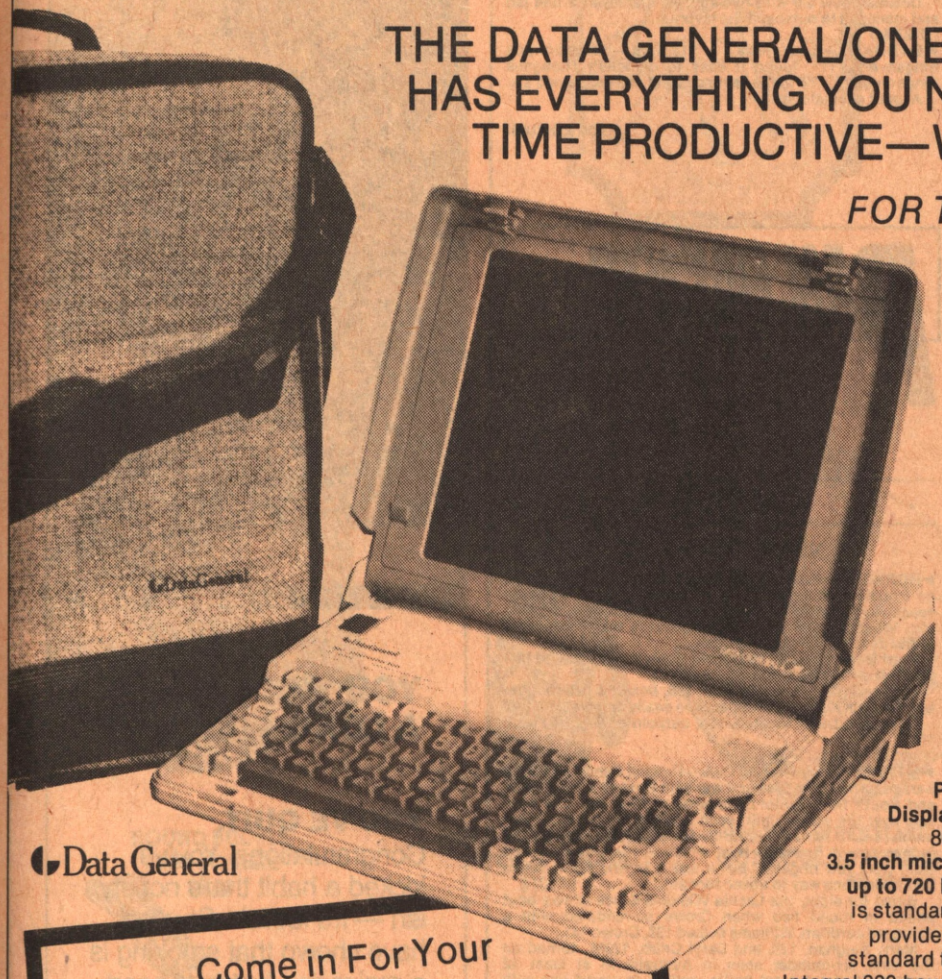

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Hi-Suk Kim, 113½, knocked out Chong-Don Kim, 114, in 2:20 of the second.

Four rounders: Wan-Tae Kim, 119¼, won from Kyu-Sup Ahn, 119¼. Yung-Min Kim, 112½, outscored In-Soo Kim, also 112½, in the opener.

Sangwon Promotions.

(12-16-84)

►**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Chung-Won Jung, the KBC's fourth ranked junior lightie at 131¾, threw a wicked straight right, flattening Japanese Junichi Misawa, 131½, in 2:05 of the third round in a scheduled 10.

Misawa, a lanky boxer ranked third by the JBC, clinched repeatedly.

Jung, 15-0 with eight kayoes, is the Novice King tourney winner fight people are calling the second Kang-Il Suh. (Suh gave the first setback to Mando Ramos in Los Angeles in 1967).

Waryong Promotions.

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THAILAND

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Danchai Yuthakij, 137, easily disposed of Therdtoon Stiragym, an unknown from the Muangsurin Camp at 139, in the third round of a scheduled six.

(12-03-84)

►**BANGKOK**—Hard hitting southpaw Wanpichit Lookjaophaya, 124, was dropped three times and stopped by veteran Sorocjao Sasipraphagym, the Thai Commission's ninth ranked featherweight at 124, in the second round of a scheduled six.

(12-06-84)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Suriya Pratumvadee, the TBC's third ranked junior flyweight, had suffered an auto accident and was inactive for a half year.

Suriya, 115, made a comeback, but was beaten to the punch and stopped by hard punching rookie Vibul Kiatsoros, the TBC's third ranked bantie at 115, in the sixth and final round. Vibul sent the veteran to the deck for a count of nine in round three.

(12-07-84)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Chor Hhaphalang, an ex-Thai amateur champ currently rated top by the TBC at 126, proved too strong for Manachai Sor Vatana, 121, stopping him in the fourth session of a scheduled six. Chor, a stablemate of WBC flyweight kingpin Sot Chitalada, is still unbeaten.

(12-08-84)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Kongkrung Kiatkriangkai, the TBC's third ranked mini-flyweight at 106, copped an upset duke over Patt Ohyuthanakorn, 106, six.

Patt was the number two 105-pounder in the Thai ratings.

(12-10-84)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Samart Sakadam, the TBC's fifth ranked flyweight, must have eaten too much. He weighed in at 134, and was stopped by Sinsamuth P. Chaivai, 135, in the second round of a scheduled six. Samart hit the deck in the fatal round and took a bad beating.

(12-12-84)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—In the daytime, Kongnapha Sing Thor Chor, 123, decisioned Thongtae Muangsurin, also 123, six.

On the night card, TBC top junior welterweight contender Thai Suracharern, 135, easily stopped Jompop Sithsomanus, 132, in the second session of a scheduled six.

Suracharern often criticized for fighting easy opponents, will go to Korea to meet OPBF champ Eung-Shik Kim in a title bout in January.

(12-15-84)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Kairung Sithpayak, 104, kept his Thai mini-flyweight title by winning a unanimous decision over Thavat Kiatpongchinda, 104, ten.

All the officials carded 98-96. There were no knockdowns.

(12-17-84)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—After a four month lay-off, Nakarach Kiatsonthaya, 118, lost a unanimous decision to Yuanyong Sakprasong, 114, six.

(12-18-84)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Sakdising Singkungthon, the TBC's second ranked bantie, 126, polished off Singh Singsongphol, an unknown at 128, just 45 seconds into the first round of a scheduled six. The Thai referee called for a stretcher, but the loser suddenly jumped up and ran out of the ring. The crowd laughed and jeered the mismatch.

(12-19-84)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—A strange happening! When Surasith Meeprasert, the TBC's top junior bantie, saw his opponent, Daothong Singsongphol, at the morning weigh-in, the latter looked slim and each tipped the beam at 118 pounds.

But, at night, Surasith found another guy with the same name and bigger physique. Surasith got angry and kayoed him in the first.

(12-20-84)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—The perennial problem in Thai boxing is the dual championships of the national stadiums, Rajadamnern and Lumpinee. The Thai Commission currently supports the Raja's champs as the national titlists.

Tonight, Lumpinee's flyweight and bantamweight kingpins met in a non-title sixer with Chalao Muangsurin eking out a split nod over Dangnoi Kiat RD., also 119.

(12-21-84)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Kongkrung Kiatkriangkai, the TBC's third ranked mini-flyweight at 108, fought again in a fortnight and decisioned Pornmongkol Sithkodom, also 108, six.

(12-26-84)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Experienced Singnoi Singkungthon, the TBC's fourth ranked junior bantie at 117, dropped an upset decision to Dowmai Sithkom, the 10th ranked contender at 117, six.

Dowmai, now 6-0 with two kayoes, displayed a fine jab and managed to outspeed the favorite.

(12-27-84)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Somboonyos Singsm-ang, 117, found it easy to demolish Thongsuk Singsongphol, 119, in the second round of a scheduled six.

A lot of mismatches.

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AUSTRALIA

NEW SOUTH WALES

►**HORNSBY—R.S.L. Club**—Rising Rudy Darno, 197, had no trouble with veteran Ray Wheatley, 213, in the main event. Rudy rocked Ray with a right in round one, decking him. Wheatley saw out the round but in the third stanza Darno dropped him again. Finish.

Brett Beakin, 162½, and Steve Roberts, 156, turned in a good six with Beakin edging the points.

Main-eventer Johnny Taupau, 186, boxed a five-rounder against Rick Kulu, 175. Taupau won easily on points.

Over four, Dave Winston, 160, outpointed Sheriff Fauzi, 158.

(12-03-84)

►**MARRICKVILLE—R.S.L. Club**—Russell Sands and Dave Sarago turned on a 10-round war with Russell's NSW State and South Seas junior-middleweight title, but this bout was over the welter limit, each scaling 151 pounds.) Not much in it. In fact, referee Billy Males carded it even. The judges saw it Russell's way, which is the way it looked from front row ringside. But it was a terrific fight. Sands just knows one way to travel: forward.

Billed for eight, the Lachie Williams-Bruce Crowe bout ended in round two when Crowe surrendered with a damaged eardrum. Williams scaled 138, Crowe 141.

Marty Feighan, 128, and Daryl Cribb, 129¼, turned on the best six-rounder seen in Australia in at least 12 months. It was a great battle, ending in round five with Cribb trying valiantly to rise but failing to beat the fatal 10. As with the main event, this fight drew a large shower of coins and notes from ringsiders.

Young Walker, 143, was asked to give away too much weight to Darwin North, 161, in their four-rounder. Walker was counted out in round two.

(12-14-84)

►**DOLLS POINT—Georges River Sailing Club**—Two eight-rounders headlined, each receiving a shower from ringsiders.

Mark Dempsey, 146, outpointed Peter Sierota, 141.

Brett Beakin, 157, outpointed John Pigott, 153.

Dave Winston, 156, met Col Jackson, 161, in a bout billed for six rounds. Ended in round one with Winston a K.O. winner.

A fight fell through, so Rudy Darno, 189, stepped into a four-rounder and appeared to take it very easy with Sheriff Fauzi, 172. Darno won on points.

(12-14-84)

QUEENSLAND

►**BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Big upset, but a cut eye caused it. Australian junior welterweight champion Pat Leglise lost his unbeaten record when he met young undefeated Dale Artango over 10, non-title. Leglise received the cut and the contest was stopped at the end of round three after a conference between referees Alan Moore, Dr. Moore, and Peter Fuller, manager-trainer of Leglise. Artango scaled 139½, Leglise 141. Leglise probably will defend his Australian title against Artango soon. Leglise was ahead on points at the end of this bout

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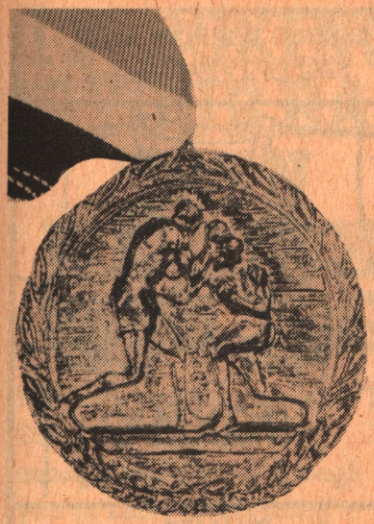

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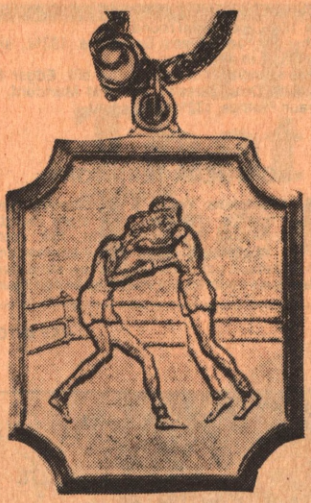

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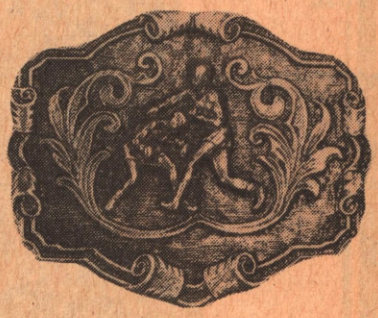

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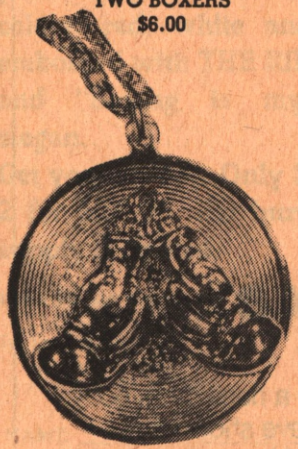

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with Artango, but Dale was doing well so a return bout should draw.

Ronald Doo, 145, was too strong for Lou Mason, 144½, in their eight-rounder. Referee Denzil Creed rescued Mason in round seven.

In another eight-rounder Russell Finn, 130, outpointed John Laycock, 127, in an exciting battle that drew a large shower of notes and coins.

Noel Thornberry, 161, knocked out Gary Williams, 160, in the first round of a scheduled four.

Shane Fooks, 111, outpointed Col Milton, 106, four.qry Hui, 205, drew with Rick Clarke, 204, three.
(12-11-84)

►**LAIDLEY—Shire Hall**—Geoff Kanofski, 158, was too strong and persistent for Shaun Gray, 160, in their scheduled 10. Referee Denzil Creed rescued Gray in round six.

The supporters all featured newcomers. Fach contest was over three rounds, and each was willingly fought. Joel Fechner, 168, outpointed Gary Smith, 182; Perry Austin, 142, outpointed David Clarke, 143; Jimmy Jones, 160, outpointed Damien Freckelton, 163; Bill Baker, 156, outpointed Craig O'Brien, 148; David Weir, 194, drew with Lance Roberts, 155.
(12-22-84)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

►**PERTH—Entertainment Centre**—Wally Carr, 174¼, retained his Australian light heavyweight title by knocking out Alan Black, 175, in round four of a scheduled 12. A left rip dropped Black, breaking two ribs.

Mick Rowley, 143¼, outpointed Tony Jones, 144¾, over 10 for the vacant WA State welter title. Very good fight.

Tony Miller, 126, halted Ron Smith, 128, in the last round of a 10 in defense of his WA State junior lightweight title. Smith lasted only 10 seconds into round 10, having taken two standing counts in round nine. Referee Bill Ivory stopped the contest.

Lou Cafaro, 157, halted Benny Tabua, 157, in round four of a 10. Tabua had a cut eye but was also trailing badly on points. Scheduled for 10.

Two Australian Rules footballers made boxing debuts against each other in a six-rounder. Mark Jackson, 224¾, outpointed Ron Andrews, 218¼.

A good crowd attended.
(12-11-84).

VICTORIA

►**SHEPPARTON—Goulburn Valley Hotel**—Paul Delosa, 134, outpointed Skeeta Malaria, 131, 10.

In a scheduled six, Jim Challenger, 158¼, halted Lindsay Goode, 161¼, in the final round.

In another six, Jean-Pierre Salvadore, 132¼, stopped Ray Parry, 133¼, in round four.

Two three-rounders completed the bill. Edgar Koene, 160, drew with Dean Bassini, 154; Pat Mumford, 135½, kayoed Shaun Phillips, 132¼, in the first.
(12-14-84).

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►**DARWIN—Nightclass Youth & Community Centre**—Just the one fight, a challenge over eight rounds that ended in round five. Ricky Petterson, 159, met Sam Wickman, 174, Wickman dominating the contest until the fifth, when Petterson got to him with a few solid punches. Referee Alec Ross counted out Wickman in that round.
(12-14-84)

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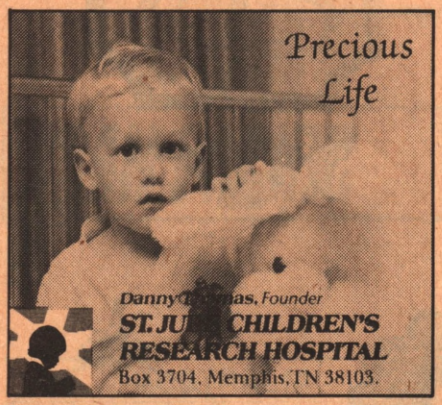

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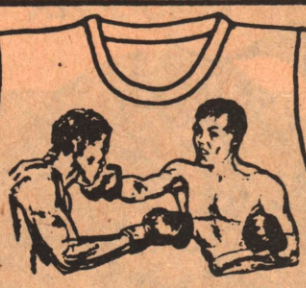

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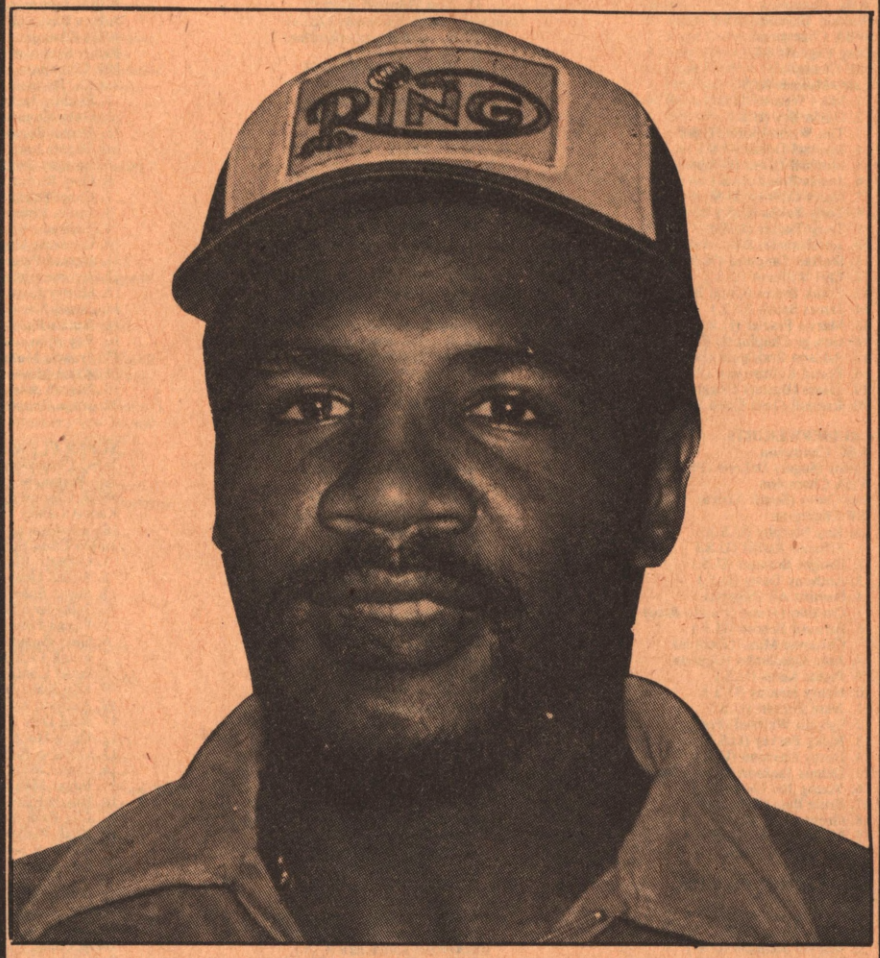

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ASK THE ANSWERMAN

By Herbert G. Goldman

Jack Dempsey, who was part Cherokee and Choktaw, smokes the peace pipe with Chief Willow Bird.

Q Where was former WBC heavyweight champion Ken Norton born?

—CAROL COMBS
Rhineland, Mo.

A *Norton was born in Jacksonville, Illinois, on August 9, 1943.*

Q What was the first world heavyweight title fight broadcast live over the radio? I think I remember my dad listening to a big fight on his crystal set when I was a kid.

—HARRY SIMPSON
St. Louis, Mo.

A *The Dempsey-Carpentier bout, held in Jersey City on July 2, 1921, was the first heavyweight title fight ever broadcast.*

Q Did Jack Dempsey ever fight Bartley Madden?

—JOE O'NEILL
Lawrence, Mass.

A *No.*

Q Were the two Abe Attell-George Dixon bouts of October, 1901, world featherweight title fights?

—SANFORD FELIX
Bakersfield, Calif.

A *Emphatically not. Terry McGovern was champ at the time.*

Q Was Joe Louis knocked down in any pro fight prior to his bout with Schmeling?

—IRVING GOLDBAUM
Yonkers, New York

A *No.*

Q Did Jack Kearns ever manage Barney Ross?

—ALBERT D'ORSAY
East Hampden, N.Y.

A *No. Sam Pian and Art Winch, the same two men who later handled Tony Zale, managed Barney.*

Q Where did Jack Delaney begin his professional career?

—HARVEY ZIMMER
Erie, Pa.

A *Bridgeport, Conn.*

Q When were the Marquess of Queensberry rules written?

—FREDERICK HALL
Philadelphia, Pa.

A *The Queensberry rules, the code for contest with gloves, were introduced in 1865, but did not gain wide acceptance till the 1880's. They finally supplanted the old London Prize Ring Rules completely in the early '90s.*

Q How big is a professional boxing ring?

—HAROLD NORWORTH
Jackson, Mich.

A *Can be anywhere from 16 to 24-foot square, depending on the commission and the contract. Most are at least 18-foot square; the average is about 21.*

Q Was the decision in the Ali-Shavers fight unanimous, majority, or split?

—JOHN McINTYRE
Boston, Mass.

A *Ali won by a unanimous decision.*

Q What is the highest career knockout total ever recorded by a featherweight?

—BENNIE LEWIS
Cincinnati, Ohio

A *The 103 scored by Sandy Saddler.*

Q What was the first heavyweight title fight in which judges officiated?

—JIMMY HEYWOOD
Riverside, Calif.

A *The Dempsey-Willard contest of July 4, 1919, held at Bay View Park Arena in Toledo. The bout was scheduled for 12 rounds, with the decision to be rendered by referee Ollie Pecord and judges Maj. A. Drexel Biddle and Tex Rickard.*

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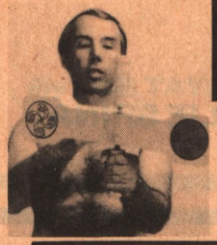

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VETERAN BOXERS BEAT

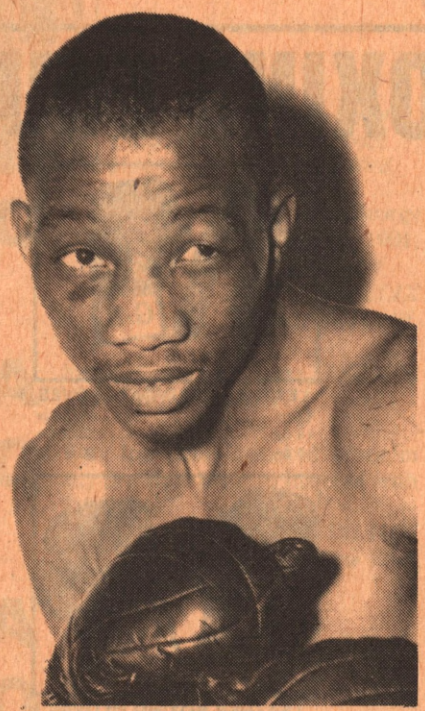
BY CHARLIE SPINA

A FEW WEEKS BEFORE CHRISTMAS, Ring 8 VBA of New York City and the Queensboro Elks Lodge 878 presented a Gala Awards Night at the Elks' Headquarters in Long Island. The evening was given in order to honor former world champions Sandy Saddler and Lou Ambers. The proceeds of the affair went to the Ray Arcel Medical Center and the Disabled Hospitalized War Veterans. Ring 8 saluted these two great champions for their services to the cause of veteran boxers. Also honored were promoter Bob Arum and ESPN for their contribution to boxing.

Ambers, who was known as the "Herkimer Hurricane" during his fighting days, recently celebrated his 71st birthday. He now lives in Phoenix, Arizona. Lou had a total of 102 professional bouts and only lost eight of them in a career that began in 1932 and ended in 1942 when he joined the U.S. Coast Guard. Ambers first won the lightweight title in September of 1936, outpointing the immortal Tony Canzoneri over 15 rounds. He lost the crown in 1938 when Henry Armstrong beat Lou by decision. The next year, Ambers regained the title, decisioning the great "Hammering Henry" in a return bout in New York. Ambers was elected to the Boxing Hall of Fame in 1964. Accompanying Lou on his trip to the Big Apple were his wife and daughter.

Saddler was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on June 23, 1926. He began boxing in 1944. On October 29, 1948, he knocked out Willie Pep to win the featherweight title. Pep regained the belt the next year, winning a 15-round decision. Although Sandy was to eventually win the title back from Pep in 1950, in between, he won the vacant NBA junior lightweight title with a 10-round decision over Orlando Zulueta in Cleveland. In his third fight with Pep, Sandy stopped his arch rival in eight, and then went up 3-1 in their series with a ninth round TKO the following year. These four fights with Pep have been permanently etched in the annals of ring history as classics, and will never be forgotten by those lucky enough to have seen them.

Hall-of-Famer Sandy Saddler



It took an automobile accident to end Saddler's ring career. When he announced his retirement on January 21, 1957, he was still featherweight champion of the world. In a total of 162 bouts, Sandy scored 103 knockouts. He was defeated only 16 times and boxed two draws. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1971.

BOXING WRITER JERRY FITCH HAS started a new monthly newsletter dedicated to the needs of boxing collectors and fight fans. Subscribers can list their wants, what they are selling, and what they are seeking to buy. Also, the addresses of active and retired fighters will be listed for those looking to contact boxers. Fitch can be reached at: 6425 Aysleworth Drive, Cleveland, Ohio 44130.

THE WASHINGTON, D.C. BOXING HALL of Fame inducted its latest honorees at the Touchdown Club. The following professional boxers were inducted: Kid Alexander, Bobby Brown, Lou Bass and Joe Green. Amateur boxers honored were: Paul Coakley, Nick Mancini and Leo Marcopulos. Our good friend and boxing ambassador, Jim Balukevich, is the founder of the D.C. Hall of Fame.

I RECENTLY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM former boxer Tex Jordan. The All-American Tex was also an actor and cowboy. He's been on the sick list of late, and wishes to be remembered to all of his friends around the country . . . Also ailing is former middleweight Babe Amos Antonacci, from Syracuse, New York, who fought all the leading contenders in the 30s. He is a former Deputy Sheriff of Onondaga County, and is presently a boxing judge with the New York State Athletic Commission. At one time, Babe was a promoter with his brother John and the late Sam Antonacci. He was also the first manager of former welterweight and middleweight kingpin Carmen Basilio. Those wishing to write to Babe can reach him at St. Joseph Hospital, Syracuse, New York 13208.

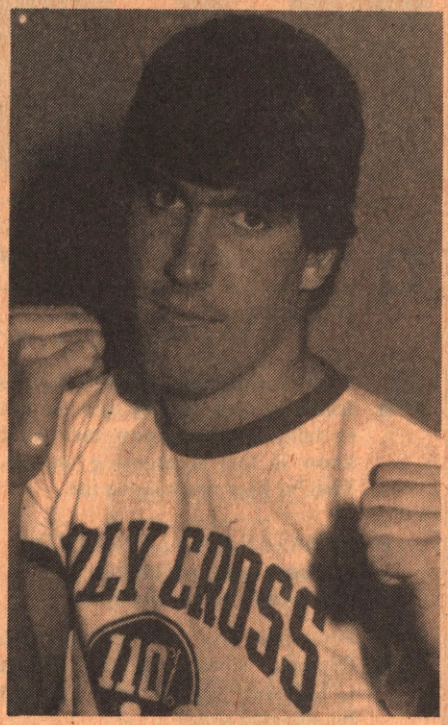
BELATED NEWS OF THE DEATH OF former European middleweight champion Robert Villemain of France. Villemain was one of the best middleweights of the 1950s. He died September 4, 1984 in a Paris area hospital at the age of 60. Villemain often fought in Madison Square Garden. Some of his famous opponents were Sugar Ray Robinson, Jake LaMotta, and Steve Belloise . . . Ralph DeJohn, former middleweight, also passed away recently. He was one of the "Fighting DeJohns", that included Joey, Mike, and Carmen . . . More sad news: Johnny Saxton, age 80, recently died at his home in Trumbull, New York. Johnny fought as a welterweight from 1920 to 1926, cramming a total of 115 professional bouts into his relatively short career. He was also a key sparring partner for heavyweight champ Jack Dempsey when Jack was preparing for his bouts with Gene Tunney and Jack Sharkey. Robert, Ralph, and Johnny, Rest in Peace. □

THE AMATEUR BOXER

By BOB TAYLOR

Mighty Peter Muldoon carried the honor of Holy Cross College and Worcester, Mass., into the fray with the Marines. ►

◄Rugged Robert Rodriguez taught the college student the value of experience and ring savvy.



PETER MULDOON, THE HIGHLY REgarded quarterback for the Holy Cross College football team, recently did a George Plimpton act. Plimpton, you'll recall, is the writer who stepped into the ring with Archie Moore to find out what it's like to do a two-step with a seasoned pro.

In Muldoon's case, he had learned that the New England All-Stars didn't have a light heavy to put up against Sgt. Robert Rodriguez in their team match against the U.S. Marines at the Worcester, Mass., Centrum. So, Mighty Muldoon, he of fair face and mightily heroic proportions in the eyes of the Worcester gentry, called promoter Dennis Hursey and said he'd step into the breech. I will fight Rugged Rodriguez, says he, and do my part for the charity show: the Marines' Toys for Tots program.

Well, Rodriguez is no Archie Moore. But he does have a 104-21 record, was a Marine and Interservice champ and he went the distance with Howard Davis in the finals of the 1976 New York Golden Gloves. He's as seasoned on the amateur side as Moore was on the pro side.

Muldoon's fighting experience at the time: zero wins, zero losses, zero bouts. Oh, he has a heavy bag in the basement and has punched up on his siblings but he had never been in a legitimate boxing match. The only coaching he had gotten was on the day of the fight from Don Williams. Williams, you'll recall, fought Kid Gavilan, Ike Williams and Johnny Bratton, but he couldn't transfer his experience to Muldoon—at least, not in a day.

Well, when the bell rang, a look of anxious hope could be seen on the faces of the hometown Worcester crowd, which, collectively, resembled the map of Ireland. Could Mighty Muldoon carry the day? The real question, of course, was whether Muldoon could carry himself out of the ring afterwards.

The contest, believe it or not, was arresting. Rugged Robert was content to mete out a boxing lesson, by slipping, blocking and parrying, and every once in awhile, to keep crowd interest up, by throwing in a blinding, albeit deliberately pulled, flurry of punches. Muldoon proved he is a mighty natural athlete. Despite Rodriguez's confusing tactics, the Holy Cross quarterback kept his poise, showed a decent classic stance and managed to get off a respectable combination or two.

The verdict: a gentlemanly no decision. Rugged Robert deserved a medal for restraint. Mighty Muldoon warranted accolades for courage and fortitude. The match was satisfying because, through Rodriguez's display of speed, skill and defense, it demonstrated what boxing is all about.

Afterwards, the good-natured Mulddon said, yes, there is a difference between football and boxing. Conceding that his arms felt leaden after the first round, he opined: "In football, you play 10 seconds and then you get a rest. In boxing, you have to sustain the action for three minutes. Boy, was I tired. I'll tell you, boxers are some athletes."

The Marines won five of the other seven bouts. The results: 119, Zrinell Webster, Marines, dec. Kevin DeVoll, NE All-Stars; 125, Gerald Dennis, Marines, dec. Elmes Rivera, NE All-Stars; 132, Brian Powers, NE All-Stars, RSC-2 (2:00) Edward Prentiss, Marines, who suffered a cut eye; 139, Aaron Shorts, Marines, dec. Joe Verala, NE All-Stars; 147, Jon Roberts, Marines, dec. Ed Valazquez, NE All-Stars; 156, Lamark Davis, Marines, dec. Ed Capstick, , NE All-Stars; 165, Dave Sullivan, NE All-Stars, dec. Mike Phillips, Marines.

COL. DON HULL, PRESIDENT OF both the international and national amateur boxing bodies, could use a Lear jet for his birthday. The busy prexy gets home once in awhile for a quick shower and he's off again. Both organizations benefit from having an active head. □

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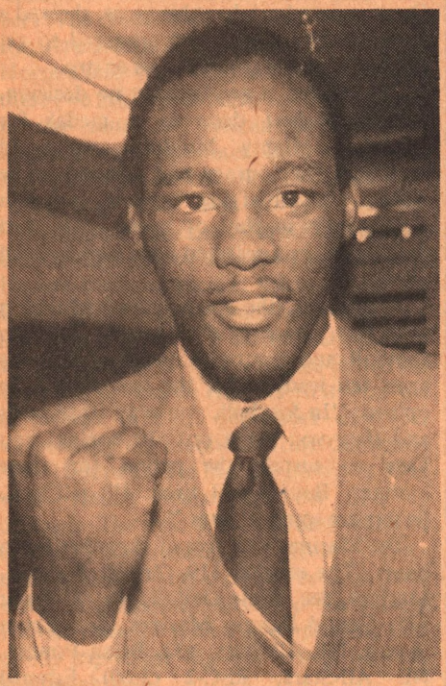


FOR DONALD CURRY
WBA Welterweight Champion:

Q I read that you are having problems making 147 pounds. Does this mean you will be moving up in weight in the near future?
B.M., LONDON, ENGLAND

A **I would like to stay welterweight to box WBC champion Milton McCrory, but there is no other big money in the division. But what I really want is to be a triple champion. I want to win the light middleweight and then go on to win the middleweight title.**

FOR DON KING
Promoter:

Q What do you think about the FBI trying to set you up with an AB-SCAM-type sting operation?
S.B., NEW YORK, NY

A **I can't believe this. The FBI tried to frame me. My lawyer told me not to talk, but you know me. All I know is they're working on me. They've been working on me.**

FOR SUGAR RAY LEONARD
Former welterweight and junior middleweight champion:

Q Now that you are working with Olympic silver medalist Shawn O'Sullivan, will you try to change his slugging style?
J.A., TORONTO, CANADA

A **I'm there to help Shawn with the little fine points. It's not a matter of changing anything, it's just adding to what he already has.**

FOR ROGER STAFFORD
Veteran welterweight contender:

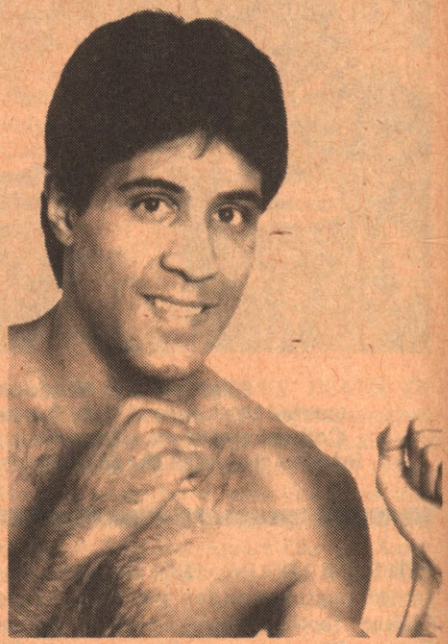
Q Although you won your last fight (an eighth round TKO over Ramon Santana), you seem to have slipped a lot since you upset Pipino Cuevas several years ago. Don't you think it's about time you hung up your gloves?
S.E., GERMANTOWN, PA

A **People who think that way are entitled to. Knowing the critics, they're going to do that anyway. But I'm the one who knows myself best. I know what I have left, and there's a lot left in Roger Stafford.**

FOR PERNELL WHITAKER
Olympic gold medalist and professional prospect:

Q Following your recent win over Danny Avery in Atlantic City, you told Hector Camacho, "This town ain't big enough for both of us." Don't you think that such a statement is a little pretentious for a guy with only two pro fights?
M.B., PHILADELPHIA, PA

A **I was only kidding. I give him (Camacho) respect because he was the champion.**



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FOR HARRY ARROYO
IBF lightweight champion:

Q Do you think you are the best lightweight in the world?
J.D., WARREN, OHIO

A **People always talk about who is the best, but I never let any of that affect me. I never think of myself as the best or not the best. There's always someone better. I just haven't met him yet.**

FIGHTERS RATE THEIR DIVISION

PONCHO CARTER RATES THE LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

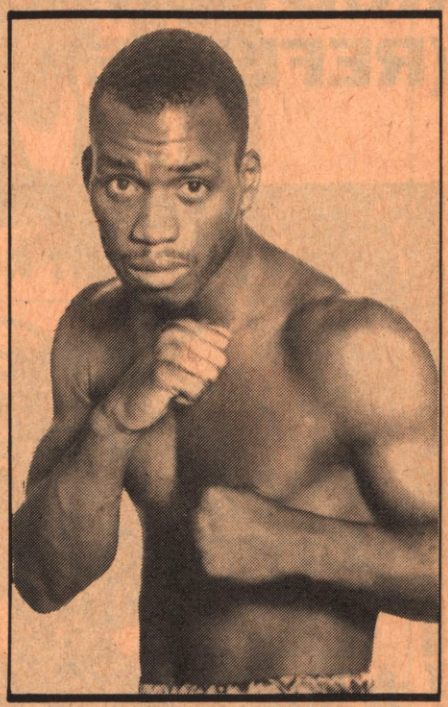
PHOTO BY PETE GOLDFIELD

THE LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT DIVISION has been in the doldrums of late. Champion Michael Spinks has just about run out of viable challengers, but, if Spinks can hold on another year or so, he just might find hard-punching Poncho Carter knocking on his door . . . Carter, currently 10-0, nine knockouts, hasn't received much hype, but he has a knockout punch in both fists and the kind of style that makes for highly entertaining fights. One veteran ringsider recently said that Poncho reminded him of a robot. He's not overly quick, but Carter relentlessly stalks his opponents, firing a steady stream of hooks and crosses. However, unlike many power punchers, Poncho also has a good chin. Veteran Arthur Hall tagged Carter with a number of hard shots during their Atlantic City match, but Poncho kept coming, finally stopping Hall in the eighth . . . A native of Augusta, Georgia, Carter, 26, got off to a late start in the pros. After winning five state Golden Gloves titles, Carter drifted away from boxing after his chances for an Olympic medal went out the window because of President Jimmy Carter's boycott of the 1980 Games . . . Eventually, he was lured back to the sport by businessman Al Ballenger, who had sponsored Poncho during his amateur days . . . Augusta isn't exactly the boxing capital of the world, and Carter has experienced difficulties getting the right training. In fact, as we go to press, Poncho still doesn't have a regular trainer. On the plus side, manager Bellanger has flown Carter around the country, stopping off in Las Vegas, Houston and Atlantic City in order to obtain bouts and quality sparring. He recently helped Bobby Czyz prepare for his knockout over Tim (TNT) Broady . . . Married, with a two-year-old son, Carter receives a weekly paycheck from Bellanger, allowing him to dedicate all of his time to boxing.

1. Michael Spinks
2. Dwight Muhammad Qawi
3. Eddie Davis
4. Willie Edwards
5. David Sears
6. Bobby Czyz
7. Marvin Johnson
8. Pete McIntyre
9. Tim Broady
10. Prince Mama Mohammad

JUNIE NASH RATES THE WELTERWEIGHTS

WHEN HE'S NOT BOXING, PHILADELPHIA welterweight Junie Nash is a recreational counselor at the Cornwell Heights Youth Development Center. During his troubled teenage years, Nash had himself been an inmate at the same institution . . . "I was a little hoodlum," says Nash, who has two robbery convictions in his past. It was while he was incarcerated that Junie took up boxing, and, like so many others before him, used the sport as the road to redemption . . . A winner of both the Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Golden Gloves, Nash claims an overall amateur log of 44-3 . . . He's off to a good start in the pro ranks, compiling a 10-1-1 (two knockouts) record to date. Both the loss and the draw came against local rival Marlon Palmer. Both fights were close and disputed . . . "I'm not complaining, but I think I beat him both times. I could have been more aggressive, though." . . . Lack of aggression seems to be Nash's biggest problem. He is a good puncher, but has a low knockout percentage . . . "I'm too relaxed in the ring sometimes. I hurt practically every guy I've fought, but I seem to lack the killer instinct. It's something I'm working on.



Although I train religiously, once I get into the ring, I'm just enjoying myself." . . . Despite his admitted shortcomings, Nash is improving rapidly. His one-punch knockout (straight right to the head) knockout over Allen Braswell proved that Junie has true punching power when he gets serious. In his most recent outing, Nash outpointed Harold Whitfield in Atlanctic City . . . Nash, 25, is trained and managed by the father and son team of Willie Reddish and Willie Jr.

1. Donald Curry
2. Milton McCrory
3. Tommy Ayers
4. Colin Jones
5. Marlon Starling
6. Pedro Vilella
7. Maurice Blocker
8. Simon Brown
9. Nino LaRocca
10. Darryl Anthony

IN THIS CORNER

by CHRISTOPHER COATS

RUDY ORTEGA (REFEREE)

THERE ARE MOMENTS IN LIFE WHEN most people feel unappreciated, but for a boxing referee that is a condition of the job, along with the black bow tie and white shirt. It is an odd twist that when a referee excels at working a fight he becomes invisible—his finest effort going unnoticed to the average customer. Rudy Ortega may be one of the best referees in professional boxing, and though he is entrusted to make split-second decisions about men's lives and fortunes, he will gain scant recognition with his expertise. It takes controversy, a real or imagined mistake, for a referee to receive some attention.

Perhaps there exist a dozen really skilled referees worldwide, and though mediocrity will more than suffice in most occupations, the heart of prizefighting is made of human flesh and dreams—and is completely different from other sports. The importance of an official in football or tennis, and everything in between, could hardly compare to that of a boxing referee. In every other sport one always hears the phrase, ". . . it's only a game"—but that can never be said about boxing.

Born in Oakland, California, Rudy Ortega fell in love with boxing when, at age 10, his father took him to a neighborhood fight card. Once a decent amateur with 31 fights, Ortega never went into the pro ranks, and without regret. Working as a car dealer in San Francisco, Ortega is now an executive officer in Teamster Local #960, and also a member of the Screen Actors' Guild, having appeared in 24 movies as an actor. But it his involvement in boxing that the 55-year-old Ortega measures his personal pride. One of the favorite sons in the World Boxing Council hierarchy, Ortega has worked 37 world title fights and traveled to 13 countries to ply his trade.

"A referee is like an athlete in certain ways," Ortega says. "The first thing that goes are the reflexes. But unfortunately there are referees working today, and sometimes in major fights, that don't even have the judgement, never mind the reflexes, to make the right decisions. There was absolutely no excuse for letting the Duran-Davey Moore fight go on as long as it did. It was sickening to watch Davey Moore take such an unnecessary beating. The best way to prevent injuries to fighters is to have officials with the instincts and guts to make the right call."

Although Ortega has worked close to a thousand fights since 1958, his one night of notoriety came in Pittsburgh when he handled the Larry Holmes-Reynaldo Snipes title bout in 1981. Ortega stopped the fight in the 11th round after Holmes landed a series of punches to the challenger's head. The bout was nationally televised and many at the Civic Arena as well as many viewers at home, felt that Snipes had been given a quick thumb. What added to the uproar was that Holmes had been smashed to the canvas in the seventh round, and appeared far more seriously hurt than Snipes did in the 11th. But Holmes was given the chance to recover.

"I'm not going to wait for a man to be knocked down to stop a fight," Ortega insists. "Benny Paret wasn't off his feet! And last year Edwin Rosario lost his title without going down and that fight was ended just at the right time. I took a lot of criticism but I know I did the right thing. It wasn't just that Snipes was getting hit clean shots, it was when I saw his hands go down to his sides that I made my decision to jump in and stop it."

Despite all the seriousness of their duties, referees hardly look very distinguished, and though the athletic shoes and bow tie and their waving arms are all less than elegant, it also doesn't help that a referee looks like he's sticking his fat nose into someone else's business. But that is until the moment when a referee has to rescue a contestant from taking further punishment. Though losing is a sad and private experience in the boxing ring, the sight of a referee with his arms wrapped around a beaten fighter is an image of pure decency, shared in different ways by every witness to the event.

One reason why Rudy Ortega is such a good referee is that he is physical in the ring. He has strong hands and thick arms and he's completely confident of his instincts. Unlike other officials, he never struggles or gropes to separate fighters. Gerry Cooney would not have landed those last three punches to the head of defenseless Ken Norton is Ortega had been in the ring. "My responsibilities start before the opening bell," he says. "I tell all the cornermen what I expect from them, and I explain very clearly to both fighters that I will not tolerate them going against the rules. I believe there has to be respect for the sport to preserve the dignity of it. Too many officials today lack the ability to control a fight."

A familiar figure at ringside in Northern California over the last two years is Rudy's wife, Joan, who is licensed by the state commission as a judge. A woman with very striking looks, Joan has traveled with Rudy on all of his overseas assignments. At a time when the sport of boxing has come under increasing attack, some legitimate, some hysterical, it is unfortunate that little credit is given to the many fine people who are dedicated to the "Sweet Science." Whatever the problems are in boxing, without skilled officials like Rudy Ortega, the sport would almost cease to exist. □

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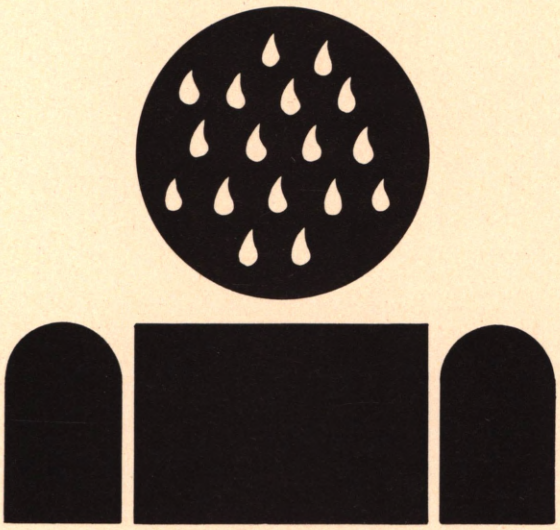

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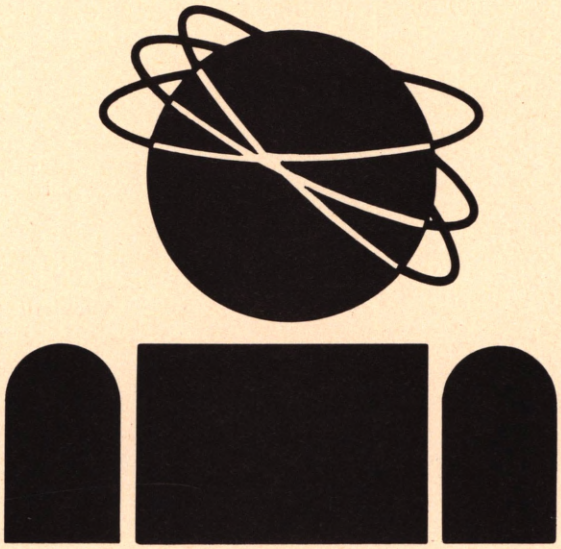

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